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Million expected at funeral

Michael Streeter and Anthony Bevins

Diana, Princess of Wales, is to be given the ceremony she would have wanted, putting the charities and victims she champinned so passionately at the heart of Saturday's funeral.

Buckingham Palace officials, who

have been seeking advice and support from Downing Street in the days since her death, yesterday annunced that 500 representatives from her favoured charities will walk as part of the funeral procession, expected to be watched by more than 1 million people on the streets of Loodon.

Many of those following her coffin are expected to be from groups she cared most about; the disabled, children, the elderly and people with HIV or Aids.

In another move designed to meet the extraordinary groundswell of grief - shown again yesterday with massive queues of people signing books of condolence around the country - the palace is considering narrowing the main funeral procession to let more members of the public pay their last respects to the People's Princess.

Immediately after the 11am Westminster Abbey service, the nation will. observe one minute's silence, though many other organisations, including British Airways, Loodon Under-ground, supermarkets and shopping

The arrangements announced so far the disabled. A spokeswoman for the partly reflect the influence of Rony Blair Royal Marsden Hospital - of which Dis and his officials, to whom the Palace ana was president - said it was folturned for advice after Diana's death lowing Palace advice in sending five

From the very start of this tragic week, the Prime Minister has taken the pital is also sending workers, pointing view that he needed to offer the out that half its patients are under two. Palace advice of the strength of national grief, and how to provide a release for that deeply emotional reaction.

years of age.

Hillary will be many representatives of folicign enuments attending the function.

There was oo question of the Prime. Minister's office putting pressure on the Palace, but Royal advisors recognised that fresh from his landslide election victory, Mr Blair had a surer feel

for the public pulse. For that reason, wheo the families, the Palace and Number 10 agreed that the Ahbey service should oot be packed with the great and good, dig-nitaries from the world of diplomacy and politics, it was the Prime Ministers' office gave the Palace the confidence tn "scythe" the diplomats and the politicians from the congrega-

Three Downing St emissaries were spotted going into the Palace by photographers yesterday and on Monday: Alastair Campbell, the Prime Minis ter's press secretary and a man with all the populist instincts of a former Mirror political editor, Hilary Coffman, a former Labour Party press officer. who helped arrange John Smith's re-markable funeral in 1994; and an unidentified civil servant on the Prime

Minister's staff. But there has been no conflict between the two sides, whose discussions have also taken on board the views of the Spencer family. The Palace was keen in accept the advice not only of Number 10, but also from the princess's office. Yet the idea of the funeral procession - the common touch - was yesterday acknowledged as the Palace's initiative.

A Palace spokesman said the show of national grief was an "accurate reflection of the great respect and affection which the British public had for the Princess of Wales."

Meanwhile charities, including thos six whom Diana retained formal links with after "resigning" from more than 90 last year, welcomed the populist form of the procession.

There was, however, confusioo among some charities about just whomthey were expected to send, workers

or beneficiaries. ground, supermarkets and shopping ceotres will observe an unofficial two minutes' silence at 11am.

A oumber of those approached by The Independent said they were sending staff rather patients, children, of in a Paris car crash early on Sunday. members of staff from different departments. Great Ormand Street has

Meanwhile the outpouring of tion across the country - and many parts of the world - continued to astonish observers. Police estimate almost 100,000 people a day are visiting Kensington Palace, the Princess's

home, to lay tributes. One polico officer surveyed the scene and said: "Kensington Palace has become a garden of remembrance."

At St James's Palace, where Diana's body is lying in the Chapel Royal, the numbers of people queuing to sign the 15 books of condolence - increased



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Sport's marks of respect on Saturday

French judge accuses seven paparazzi of manslaughter

Louise Jury and John Lichfield

Seven photographers were formally accused of manslaughter yesterday following the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, and could face up to five years in prison. But lawyers representing the men rejected the

charges as politically inotivated.
William Bourdon, lawyer for Nicolas Arsov of the Sipa ncy, said there was nn jus tification for the action. "What is happening is showbiz justice," he said. "It is only the standing of the victums which explains this judicial spectacle." The seven have also been

nne step short of a formal charge - for recklessly causing bodily harm and failing to assist victims of an accident. All the offences carry a maximum sentence of five years in prison and

a fine of up to £50,000. Five of the men, arrested at the crash scene on Sunday morning, were freed. The public prosecutor requested that two others - Christian Martinez and Romuald Rat - be kept in custody because of the seriousness of the evidence against them.

Following the announcement on Monday that the driver of the crashed car had been drinking heavily, there was speculation that the manslaughter and

office, and an inves office, and an investigating mag-istrate, Hervé Stephan, decid-ed yesterday that there was a prime facie case which deserved

further investigation. The 350-page report presented by police and prosecutors to Mr Stephan rejects claims from the Payed family that the photographers were directly responsible for the crash. It accepts the photographers' evidence that were at least 100 metres behind the car when it crashed: But the report suggests that their behaviour in barassing the Princess and Dodi Fayed, began the chain of events which led to the tragedy. Legal experts in France said

injury allegations would be they doubted whether such an dropped. But the prosecutor's accusation could he made to stick. However, there is substantial evidence that photographers impeded police and emergency services by taking victures of the dying Princess in

the wreckage at close range. Mr Bonrdnn, lawyer for Nicolas Arsov, said his client was not even pursuing the Princess's car. He had mistakenly followed a decoy car, turned around and come across the crash scene. Another of the men, Jacques Langevin, is a much-praised war-photographer, who took some of the most striking im-

in Peking. His agency, Sygma,

stumbled on the scene of the crash and was not part of the

pursuing paparazzi pack.
There has been a powerful wave of public npininn in France against the behaviour of the paparazzi including death threats telephoned to some

picture agencies yesterday. Legal experts said yesterday that both the French government and the judiciary felt themselves under great pres-sure in achieve results in the Diaoa investigatioo, followiog criticisms of recent failures. including the lack of progress in the case of the murdered Cornish schnntgirl, Caroline

practise first by spending about

five hours in their spacesuits, in

order to simulate conditions for

Nasa has not yet given formal

authorisation for Dr Foale to

take part in the venture outside

the station, which is expected to

their spacewalk.



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cargo ship crashed into it will have some of their salary docked, according to a formal commission. The collision was caused "beyond any doubt" by human, rather than mechanical error,

said Valery Ryumin, Russian co-

Now, you can even be fined for

dangerous driving in space.

The two Russian cosmonauts

who were in charge of the Mir

space station in June when a

Charles Arthur

Science Editor

gramme. The decision followed a thorough eminination of the a thorough commation of the flight data Mr. Ryumin said: Personally we telt pity for the boys, but the facts remain. Most likely we will have to fine them, cutting the perments due under the contract? He did not say whether the fine is intended to cover the desi of repair, space-craft are very expensive, and Russian surfaces comparatively

The Banksh-born Michael Foale, who was sleeping in a space station module when the ordinator of the Mir-Nasa proaccident lappened, was appar-

Mir, with a new two-man crew. The "boys" involved - flight commander. Vasily Tsibliyev, aged 43, and engineer Alexander Lazutkin, aged 39 - had apparently anticipated the verdict. When they returned to Earth in August after a six-month stint on Mir, they blamed the collision on its ageing equipment. "It's easy to find a scapegoat," Tsibliyev had told journalists

morrow a similar problem may

happeo with another cargo

practice docking mission, and was the first involving a crewed spacecraft in orbit. It holed the Spektr module where Dr Foale was asleep. While sealing that off, the cosmonauts had to cut some power cables, which reduced Mir's power sometimes to dangerously low levels. Orbit control systems and oxygen enerators worked patchily until the cables were repaired last within hours of landing. "But to-

Mir astronauts are fined for their prang in space

Manoeuvring objects in space is a tricky business be-

pending oo their orbits. The cause of the accident was reckoned to be that the cargo ship was overloaded with nibbish offloaded from Mir. This would make it move differently from one which was properly loaded - and so instead of docking safely it would overshoot the docking point and hit Mir.

Meanwhile, the current crew was busy yesterday preparing for a spacewalk, planned for Saturday, they will try to patch up the damaged station. Mir's Russian commander, Anatoly cause they do not move in

last close to six hours. But the Russians have been proceeding as if he will take part. Dr Foale has made only one spacewalk, in February 1995, and never before in a Russian spacesuit. American and Russian spacesuits are huilt and handle differently.

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Boy, 3, suffocated while trapped in tumble-dryer

A three-year-old boy suffocated to death after climbing iolo a A three-year-old boy sunocated to death after chimping told a tumble-dryer during an innocent game of hide and seek with his per dog. Jordan Hutchinson's body was found coiled in a foetal position inside the machine shortly after he had been reported missing to the police. His jeans had apparently caught the door,

pulling it shut behind him. The machine was not on.
Paramedics fought to revive the boy, but he was taken to
Newcastle General Hospital where he was pronounced dead. His
parents were told that their son would have died in minutes because of the airtight seal.

A spokesman for Northumbria police said yesterday that there

A spokesman for Northumbria police said yesterday that there were no suspicious circumstances surrounding the death last Saturday afternoon. "A post mortem found he died from asphyriation. He was not in there for any great length of time."

Tony Hutchinson, 29, described his son as "a lovely little lad... I don't feel like I have lost just a son, I feel I have lost my best mate too. He was such an intelligent little boy. He could hold his own in any conversation.

Clare Games

Girl 'could have removed vital tube'

A severely handicapped 14-month-old girl, whose mother is accused of murdering her, was strong enough to pull out a life-saving hreathing tube by herself, a doctor told a court yesterday. Julic Watts, 31, is accused of killing her brain-damaged daughter, Abigail, in hospital by removing the tracheotomy tube from the little girl's throat. But a paedintrician, Dr Robert Downes, told Manchester Crown Court: "She was strong enough to pick up a toy and move it around. I think her grip was strong enough to pull out a truebeotomy tube."

The trial bas heard that staff at Royal Manchester Children's Hospital heard Watts shout for help and found her daughter collapsed with the tube removed. She died in intensive care at the hospital.

Watts, a psychiatric nurse of Little Hulton, Salford, Greater Manchester, pleads not guilty to her daughter's murder.

Land Rover shows off its new baby



Land Rover today lifts the wraps off its new "baby" off-roader vehicle the Freelander - which will go on sale next January, The new fourvheel drive vehicle (left) will make its first appearance at next week's Frankfurt Motor Show. The Freelander is being built at Solihull, and has belped create about 500 new jobs.

Prices for the new vehicle will range from £15,000 to £20,000. Smaller than Land Rover's other off-road vehicles - the Range Rover, the Defender and the Discovery - the Freelander gives Land Rover the chance to compete in the small and medium four-wheel drive market, where it will he up against the Toyota Rav 4 and the Suzuki Vitara.

Uister prisoners may be released

The Government has given a broad hint that releases of both loyalist and republican long-term prisoners in Northern Ireland could be speeded up if the paramilitary ceasefires survive. The news will be seen as a move by the authorities to provide an incentive to both sides to maintain their cessations of violence. The IRA declared its second major ceasefire in July, while a loyalist ceasefire has been in existence since October 1994.

Most immediately, the news may have a calming effect in the loyalist paramilitary world, which has in recent weeks seemed dangerously restless. Loyalist spokesmen have recently complained that a number of concessions were being made to republicans, iers were being igno

Court told of drug 'execution'

Three drug dealers were gunned down in a country lane by two rivals who doubled-crossed them following a dispute over smuggled cannahis, a court heard vesterday. The three men were executed with shotguns as they waited in a Range Rover on a remote farm in Essex. They had been lured there by the promise of a major cocaine deal, a jury at the Old Builey court was told. But as Patrick Tate, 37, Anthony Tucker, 38 and Craig Rolfe, 26, all from Essex, sat inside the vehicle on the snowy night in December, 1995, they were shot in the head. The prosecution alleges that the killers were Michael Steele, 55,

The prosecution alleges that the killers were Michael Steele, 55, from Clacton on Sea. Essex, and his right-hand man, Jack Whomes, 36, from Brockford, Suffolk, both of whom deny the charges. The case continues today.

Police chief admits careless driving

The Chief Constable of Sussex, Paul Whitehouse, is to plead guilty to a charge of careless driving, following an accident. Mr Whitehouse and his 16-year-old daughter suffered minor injuries in May, when their car was in collision with another vehicle on a

May, when their car was in collision with another vehicle on a country road near Tunhridge Wells. Kent. The female driver of the car and her two children also suffered very minor injuries.

The incident took place while Mr Whitehouse was off-duty and no disciplinary action is to be taken against him. A spokeswoman for Sussex police confirmed vesterday that Mr Whitehouse would be pleading guilty by post to driving without due care and attention. He is likely to be fined and given penalty points on his licence.



Darcey Bussell: 'Will only dance if she is at peak fitness' (Photograph: Laurie Lewis)

Bussell injury poses problem as Royal Ballet goes west

roles with the Royal Ballet this autumn as the company struggles to lure its audience across

The probable withdrawal through injury of the star ballerine is embarrassing for the company as it has plastered posters of her across the capital saying. "Follow Me To Hammersmith."

Bussell, due to dance Juliet later this month; has uffered a stress injury to her foot and is being examined. by a specialist. A Royal Ballet spokesman said she had not yet officially pulled out, "but she will only dance if she considers she is at the peak of her fitness. We are awaiting the specialist's report",

Her injury is the last thing the company would have wanted at the moment. It has been conscious that its core audience may be unwilling to watch it perform at the Labatt's Apollo in Hammersmith while the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden is being redeveloped. This fear is proving correct. Figures from Royal Opera. House sources show that well under 30 per cent of

seats have been sold for the new ballet season which

arcey Bussell is likely to pull out of her starring starts later this month - only half of the usual advance at Covent Garden. One insider said that hallet audiences did not associate Hammersmith with the glamour and grandeur of Covent Garden.

The withdrawal of Bussell would be a further headache for the beleaguered Covent Garden man-

Mary Allen, the former Arts Council secretary general, who started in her role as chief executive of the Royal Opera House this week, will be told that sales of seats for the Royal Opera at its temporary homes of the Barbican Centre, Royal Albert Hall and the Shallesbury Theatre are also below what advance sales would have been at Covent Garden.

The management is already facing a fough autumn, even without the prospect of low audiences. An inquiry into the ROH instigated by the Government will report shortly, and next month Mary Alla, walls, and region give evidence to the Culture Select Committee at the House of Commons, which is holding a separate in-quiry into the Royal Opera House.

Speed-team Britons bid to

go supersonic
Richard Noble (right) led the
British team to America yesterday hoping to break the world landspeed record - but still £200,000 short of the money needed for the bid, due to start on Saturday.

The twin jet-engined Thrust SSC car is going to the Nevada Black Rock desert, where the crew hope to break the existing record of 633 mph - set by Noble at the same venue in 1983 - and go beyond the sound harrier of 750mph.

But cash shortages have bedevilled the attempts, and it was only a last-minute infusion of thousands of pounds which made it possible for the team to head off yesterday from Stansted airport in a giant Russian Antonov transport plane, which carried the 16-metre long, 10-tonne needle-shaped car and the 30 support crew.
Thrust SSC's driver, Squadron

Leader Andy Green, has recovered from a broken ankle -



suffered at a swimming pool - and will be up against another lly supersonic vehicle, Spirit of America II, driven by the veteran US racer and former world

land-speed record holder Craig Breedlove. "The two cars will probably start off at about 500mph and try to get

50mph faster with each run," said e Thrust spokesman. "Richard's team has got enough

money to fly out but need more if

they are to stay in Nevada." Charles Arthur

Minister makes first return to

Hong Kong
Lord Irvine, the Lord Chancellor,
will visit Hong Kong next week
the first Cabinet minister to make an official visit since the handover to China on 1 July.

The Lord Chancellor's Department said the purpose of the visit was to "further the close relationship between the judicial and legal systems of Britain and

Hong Kong".

Lord Irvine is already a known figure in the Hong Kong legal community after appearing in a series of cases in the Hong Kong High Court and Court of Appeal.

One case for the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, at the time of the signing of the Joint Declaration in 1984, lasted so long that his two sons attended school in the former British colony. He said yesterday: "British ministers hope that Hong Kong can be a bridge not a barrier in our relations with China."

Patricia Wynn Davies

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ENVIRONMENT

Consumers given blueprint for a greener world

Consumers will have to do more than recycle bottles and paper if they want to save the planet, e watchdog group warns today.

The National Consumer Council says real progress will only be made when people give up their cars and realise the need to be more energy efficient. But the group claims consumers cannot do this alone, and calls for heater agreement of the consumers cannot do this alone, and calls for better environmental information and the manufacture of greener household products to make e real difference to the future of the world

The report - A Consumer Blueprint for a Greener World - says 36 per cent of consumers claim to want to "do their bit" for the environment. But poor information means people see problems in terms of poor air quality and toxic waste rather than the big issues

of global warming and sustainable development.

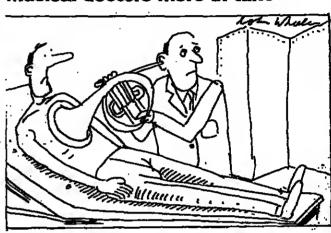
It says recycling "has a higher environmental reputation than it warrants" - creating pollution through cars and lorries delivering it to and from the bottle and paper banks. Instead, consumers need to cut back on the amount of waste produced in the first place. Even more important is the need to cut back on the energy used by domestic activities including cars, household beating and

appliances which account for 50 per cent of the UK's energy use.

NCC chairman David Hatch said: "The report is a real eye opener. It reveals those weekend forays to the bottle bank and diligently choosing 'green' washing up liquid only scratch et the surface of the problem.

"What we need now is committed ection by government to persuade local authorities, husinesses, manufacturers and service providers to make positive changes that will enable consumers to act on their green concerns."

Musical doctors more in tune



Music is good for your doctor, researchers have found. The capacity to sing an aria or play e sonata may make the difference between e great diagnostician and a run of the mill physician. A study of doctors' skill with the stethoscope has shown that a musical ear can give a medic the edge in detecting abnormalities of

Results of the study of 450 specialists and GPs showed that, overall, the performance of the doctors was poor, with four out of five common heart problems that can be picked up by stethoscope

nve common neart problems that can be picked up by steinoscope going undetected. The researchers, from the Allegheny University of the Health Sciences in Philadelphia, US, describe this finding is "disturbingly low".

However, those able to play a musical instrument were better at, the task than those who weren't. "A trained ear, whatever, the reason for its training, may be a pre-requisite for achieving proficiency in this skill," they write in the fournal of the American Medical Association. Medical Association.

Jeremy Laurance

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SCIENCE

Researchers find the 'glue of life'

Scientists reckon they have detected the "glue" that holds life, the universe and everything together — actually an exotic subatomic particle called a "hybrid meson".

The discovery could be an important step to unifying theories about how the universe is constructed, and so how it came into existence. Though the particle has been predicted by theory since the late 1970s, it has taken years to design particle accelerators and experiments sensitive enough to detect it. experiments sensitive enough to detect it.

Professor Frank Close, at the UK's Rutherford Appleton

Laboratory in Didcot, said: "Everything that we are made of atoms, electron, and so on - is made of timer particles called quarks, which are glued together in triplets. Every experiment before has been about putting energy in to excite quarks, and observing what happens. But it should also be possible, in theory. to excite the glue."

The discovery was made by physicists at the Brookhaven National Laboratory in the US. The results are published in this week's issue of *Physical Review Letters*. It follows a collaborative effort by teams at Brookhaven, Moscow, and various US

EMPLOYMENT

Time-out perk for new fathers

Male workers are increasingly being given time off following the hirth of their child, with some firms offering two weeks paternity leave, according to e new report nn employee benefits.

The average length of paternity leave is five days, eccording to e

survey of 141 firms by the Reward Gronp, which researches pay and benefits. Two out of five firms surveyed aftered time off to male workers, while a number of others were considering introducing

One in 10 firms said they operated "family-friendly" policies, ranging from flexible working hours and job-sharing to school term-time working and career hreaks.

Only 4 per cent of firms had workplace nurseries or creche facilities, which can cost workers up to £500 a place. Most of those polled gave company cars to senior managers, with the Fird Mandeo the most popular model.

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ing until the late afternoon and evening. On Thursday, any lingering rain will soon clear the south-east coast of England to leave a mix of sunmy spells and showers across the country. The showers will be frequent in the north and west with the risk of thunder hut very isolated in the south and east. There will be little change on Friday with further blustery showers in the north and west with the south and east staying mostly dry with the best of the sunshine.

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The overwhelming demand of the British people to say farewell to Princess Diana is forcing Buckingham Palace to amend arrangements for the funeral procession on Saturday.

Although they have ruled out will be observed at the end of the agthering the route through White service, which begins at 11am; the hall, Palace officials are considering. moves to narrow the width of the onemile procession, on its route from St James's Palace to Westminster Abbey, in order to meet the huge demand from members of the public to

pected to line the streets, bringing much of the capital to a standstill. Aiready train companies around the country have announced extra trains to meer demand for the day. A one-minote national silence

service is expected to last 45 minutes. 500 representatives of charities linked to Diana will follow the official mourners, including Prince Charles and chief mourners Princes William and Harry, along the emo-

service, which begins at 11am; the

They in turn will follow- probably on foot - the gun carriage carrying Diana's coffin. Although details have not been released; it is likely the carriage will be pulled by officers and men of the Royal Navy, as nappened with the coffin of Sir Winston

Churchill in 1965.

Although the Palace and Scotland Yard have not released details, the sence of 100 or so Naval staff may be one of the few obvious signs of military paraphernalia on show apart from those Royals with mili-

streets of the procession will be lined with uniformed officers from the Metropolitan Police, who are in charge of security.

The route starts at St James's Palace, where Diana's coffin is lying in the historic Chapel Royal. It runs along Mariborough Road, the Mall, Horse Guards Road, Horse Guards Parade, Whitehall, Parliament Street, the east side of Parliament Square, Broad Sanctuary, to the great west door of Westminster

The crash barriers along the sombrely to the Abbey, the charity group will then watch the service on a large screen, probably in Parliament Square, while senior officials from their organisation are seated inside the Abbey. At some point there may be a fly-past staged by the Royal Air

> It is thought that the Queen and other senior Royals attending, including the Queen Mother (health permitting) and Prince Philip, will

arrive at the Abbey by car.
Suggestions that officials might extend the leogth of the route have been rejected, because of logistical problems and fears about extending the time the young princes are in public. No decision has yet heen made on the route to be taken by the funeral motoscade when the service ends, seen as another opportunity for the public to express its

A Palace spokesman said:
Consideration is being given to the
width of the route. Obviously if n is narrower, more people will be able

No official guest list has been re-leased following invitations to for-

though it is known President Chi will be attending. It is believed President Clinton was dissuado from attending to ensure the firmeral was oot seen as a top-heavy See occasion: Hillary Clinton will of

instead. Meanwhile announcements who officiates and of the service itself may come later today. The desire of the Spencer family to have a major input in the arrangem means that traditional forms of Royal funeral services may not be

Even at 82, Queen Victoria left a nation unprepared





Photograph: Huiton Getty Mourners lined the streets of London, as they had for Queen Victoria in 1901, left

In a strangely similar way, Queen Victoria's death, despite her great age, was unex-pected. It might have been supposed that there would have been some forward planning for such an important event, particularly given that she was 82-years-old. This, however, was not the case and her ceremony in 1901, like Diana's, had to be planned from scratch in a mat-

The late Queen's household pulled it off-just. Whereas the funerals of her predecessors had always been at night, Queen Victoria's took place in the daytime, a custom followed

Other traditions - such as the dragging of the gun-carriage -also began with Victoria's sendoff, albeit by accident. A mishap this sort of this at Windsor station brought British," he said

about the birth of a new royal tradition. As the coffin was placed upon the gun-carriage on which it was to be drawn to St George's Chapel, the horses of the Royal Horse Artillery kicked over and broke the traces. It was therefore suggested that the naval guard of

honour should replace the horses and drag the gun-carriage to the castle. The effect was so striking that the practice has been followed at every sovereign's funeral since. Mishaps or no mishaps, the

words of a man from Chicago as he gazed in wonder at Sir Winston Churchill's funeral ring true today. "No-one can do this sort of thing like the

Despite its uniqueness, Saturday's ceremony will be stamped with the same solemnity as magnificent state funerals of the past. Just as Saturday squeezed into doorways. State funerals embody not wrote Marie Corelli, the pop-

30 January 1965 weot down in the history books as "a tri-umphant Churchillian day", so Saturday 6 September 1997 will be remembered as "Diana's On such occasions, the sense

of loss is offset by the pageantry and pomp and the silence is set to music. The streets of London are lined with mourners, many of whom have stayed up all night with their thermos flasks

By 3am on the morning of Churchill's funeral there were more than 500 mourners out-

The British are particularly good at organising great state occasions, reports Clare Garner the humble and the mighty were crammed cheek by jowl, some on balconies and others

side the cathedral. By daybreak saved their country. Similarly, Paul's cathedral. Some planted Queen Victoria's death, coming as it did at the dawn of the new century, marked the end of an era. "She was our Mother,"

of thousands watched the pro-

cession as his coffin was borne

from Westminster Hall, up the

Strand and Fleet Street, to St

On such occasions, the sense of loss is offset by the pageantry and pomp

only a person, but they capture ular novelist. On the day of Sir a mood, become part of the Churchill's funeral hundreds

In the case of Sir Winston Charciali, the nation was saying farewell to a man who had themselves along the river so they could witness the quiet journey up stream to Festival Pier. After the ceremony the coffin was taken by launch from Tower Pier upriver to Waterloo Station oo its way to burial. Everything was done with as-

tonishing precision. Unlike Diana, who will be interred oo the same day as the funeral, Queen Victoria's body was simply carried into Albert Memorial Chapel adjacent to St George's Chapel, where it lay for two days, until it was drawn in a procession to the mausoleum at nearby Frogmore to be reunited with that of the late.

Prince Albert. Merged with the crowd was

granted the television coverage of the princess's procession and funeral, for Churchill's funeral in 1965 it was a mass operatioo the likes of which oo-one bad known before.

The televisioo coverage was a story in itself. Cassandra wrote in the Daily Mirror of "the Great Pagan God Telly" and there were marvelling accounts of the BBC's 35 cameras. Live television coverage had the biggest audience ever recorded - 350 million in Europe alooe.

Churchill's funeral, one of the most complex technical operations in television history, went

virtually without a hitch. Although the BBC had been planning the event for five seem similarly strange.

years, it had only five days for practical preparations, Richard Dimbleby narrated for the BBC and Sir Laurence Olivier for

The world stood still for Churchill, just as it will oo Saturday for Diana. Stores, cinemas and theatres closed. Footballers and racegoers stood, heads bowed, in one

minute's silence. Big Ben framed the day's mourning. The mighty 13-ton bell struck at 9.45am and then fell silent. At midnight, the clock which had heralded all Churchill's great wartime speeches began to strike again, announcing the dawn of the first day without the man who had been at the helm of people's

lives for generations. For many, this Sunday will

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Memorial fund will back her causes

A memorial fund is to be set up in the name of Diana, Princess of Wales, to channel charitable donations to the causes that she championed during her lifetime.

Charities with which she was associated have been deluged with calls from people who wished to donate money as a mark of their respect and

The announcement of the

Memorial Fund, by Buckingham Palace yesterday, is a response to that explosion of philanthropic sentiment. The fund will be coordinated and administered at Kensington Palace, which was her London

At the height of her charity work, the Princess was patron or president of 100 charities, acting as a high-profile magnet for donations. After her divorce and decision to retreat from the public spotlight, she severed



Buckingham Palace said yesterday that the details of how cash given to the memorial

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to be determined. But the core charities with which Diana remained associated - the National Aids Trust, the Leprosy Mission, the Eng-

lish National Ballet, the Great Ormand Street Children's Hospital, the Royal Marsden cancer hospital and Centrepoint, for the

donations to the memorial fund. Another cause for which she campaigned passionately, and which will prohably benefit

honour, is the British Red Cross's crusade against antipersonnel landmines.

> charities for which she was still working at the time of her death. They said they had been planning to meet to coordinate their response to the flood of offers of money from the public. Gavin Hart, a spokesman for the National Aids Trust, said: "After the terrible tragedy on Sun-day, a lot of people felt there was a need for an enduring memorial that would sustain Diana's

ador for Aids causes around the world."

meant so much to us".

The announcement was welmed with enthusiasm by the under construction in India for the rehabilitation of leprosy

work on the wide range of issues in which she was involved. But it must be said that nothing will compensate for losing such an impressive are up and running in the sense

Victor Adebowale, director of Centrepoint, said the fund was a fitting way to remember a "re-markable human being who

"It is obvious that the public wants to remember a princess they loved, in a way she would have approved of," he said. W8 4PU.

us the direction that is needed Centrepoint is setting up its own fund for donations made in Diana's memory. The Leprosy Mission is considering giving her name to a centre

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hundreds of other floral tributes to the Princess outside St

continued to ouege in the hope of signing the

An office was set up at Kensington Palace yesterday to handle donations to the memorial fund, but it will not become fully operational until after Diana's funeral.

The fund is to be administered by staff who worked in the Princess's private office at the palace. Other details, such as names of trustees, will not be decided until next week. "We that we are receiving cheques. but at the moment we are all working on the funeral," a spokeswoman said.

Buckingham Palace said people who wished to make donations should send cheques, made out to "The Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund",

More join the big shutdown as Britain plc shows respect

Amanda Kelly

Hundreds of stores, theatres, cinemas, banks and radio stations joined the groundswell of organisations planning to close or observe a silence on Saturday as the Princess is laid to rest. Prince Charles has cancelled all his engagements for next week, including working trips to Berlin and Prague, in order to

continue comforting his two young sons.

Buckingham Palace has made no official request for the general public to mark the occasion, saying it was "up to the individual" to do so, but there are few bodies that will not be honouring the event in some

But while all major sporting fixtures in England have been cancelled on Saturday, Scotland decided to hold the World Cup qualifier between Scotland and Belarus. Last night, the Scottish Secretary. Donald Dewar, voiced "great concern" at the scheduling. Transport networks up and down the country will come to

down the country will come to a standstill, although extra trains will rum on Saturday to bring into London the many thousands who will line the route of Diana's funeral procession, and all mainline stations will observe a twominute silence at 11am. London Underground will also operate extra services on the District and Circle Lines, but Westminster Tube station will be closed all

Insurance companies are even offering to pay out claims by couples who want to post-pone their weddings on Saturday, out of respect for Diana's funeral. A spokesman for Ec-clesiastical, which sells about 300 policies for wedding insur-ance each year, said: "In view of the unprecedented circumstances, we would pay out if they felt they could not go though with it. But we would want people to contact us before then, because we are closing on

Saturday."
Sotheby's announced last night that the auction of the col-lection of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, between 11 and 19 September, has been postponed indefinitely.

Britain's busiest port, Dover, will come to a total standstill at llam, with all cross-Channel ferries and hovercraft halting in

the port and hundreds of pas-sengers being asked to stand for two minutes' silence.

Planes are expected to be rerouted away from central Lon-don during the ceremony, and British Airways will be showing television tributes to Diana on in-flight entertainment screens.

The Department of Trade and Industry, the CBI and the Federation of Small Businesses yesterday urged bosses to be flexible and to respect the wishes of workers who wanted to pay their respects to Diana.

Bank. Blockbuster video and The Cancer Research Campaign were among the hundreds of businesses and other organisations which announced yesterday that they would not be trading on Saturday morning. The London department store Selfridges said that, as well as closing until 1pm, it would be

Marks & Spencer, Barclays

I am in no mood to do jokes on my show

Chris Evans

making a donation from the day's takings to one of the Princess's favourite charities. And while hundreds of museums, including the Victoria and Albert Museum, will shut their doors for the morning, the Royal Academy will be staying open and asking for donations towards two of Diana's favourite charities, in-stead of the usual £5.50 admission fee.

Some pubs are expected to close throughout the day while others will open especially to provide a focus for people watching the funeral on TV.

Other gestures have been made by entertainer Chris Evans, who scrapped his TFI Friday show because he was said to be in "no mood for jukes". and film distributors UIP, who have postponed releasing That Old Feeling - a romantic comedy featuring a paparazzi pho-

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Lament of America's Di generation

When, in a few weeks perhaps, Britain starts to emerge from the self-absorption of mourning, it may begin to realise that the loss of Diana, Princess of Wales, has implications that go far beyond its own shores. Abroad, Britain will be diminished by her death to an extent that Britons

themselves can hardly imagine.

I have just returned from
3100 Massachusetts Avenue in
leafy north-west Washington:
the address of the British Embassy. The broad avenue, lined a Los Angeles newsstand of with diplomatic missions, snakes current editions of The Globe, a up a gradual hill from the city centre. You can be there any day of the week and

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For the past 48 hours it has been the scene of a never-ending procession of slow-moving cars and pedescouples, groups

personal pilgrimage to say farewell to Diana. Many carry flowers, some a small toy, oth-

ers a card or a message.

There is a queue half a mile long to sign the book of condolences, but many ignore the formalities. They have their own ritual. A pause, head bowed, in front of an expanse of flowers and messages that re-sembles an ever-growing shrine; the tribute laid, another pause, a photograph taken for the

This scene is being repeated Britain has a representation: in dinary people abroad, as well as New York, Chicago, Houston at home, felt she was on their and elsewhere. And as striking as the numbers of people arriving is the sort of people they are; not America's aristocracygroupies, nor the celebritythey predominantly expatriates, though there is a good sprinkling of them, too.

The only way to describe

middle-aged - the "Diana" gen-eration. Couples have brought young children, groups of teenagers and students have come, not to sneer or to gawp. but to pay their respects.

There are gay and lesbian cou-

in the world. For millions of people who knew or cared lit-ue for international diplomacy,

Diana was the lively, modern and humane face of Britain.

She did not need the am-

television, partly to her own qualities, she was already a

global ambassador on a scale that is only now apparent.

Her death may not impair

Britain's formal diplomatic effort.

but it will surely diminish

Britain's international image and

global reach. Even a young

presidential-style leader like Tony

Britain in the same league.

ples, demonstratively holding bassadorship to which she ashands; visitors in wheelchairs or pired; thanks partly to on crutches, and most extraor-dinary of all, in this very white part of Washington, is the pro-portion of blacks and Hispanics for whom upper Massachusetts Avenue is alien territory. There is anger as well as sadness in the air; one man made a bonfire at tabloid newspaper, in protest at the use of "stalkarrazzi" pictures.

In the United States, people have tried to ex-6 An endless plain the intenprocession sity of public emotion by saying that Diana, with her mixedup life, her concern for her children, her eating disorders, her public div-orce, her struggle to balance

the private and the public and individuals are making their her resort to the confessional, was a figure Americans were able

makes the

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That may be the American explanation, but it is not the whole story. There have been similar public outpourings elsewhere in the world, and the complexion of the crowd appears similar. Outside the hospital in Paris where Diana died, there were more black and brown people than you would see in most Paris crowds. Whatever the truth of Diana's life and her personal misjudgements, whatever the privileges she was across America, wherever born to and married into, orside. Formal condolences from state leaders give barely a hint of the affection and regard in which the Princess was held.

This creates for Britain seeking "grannies". Nor are abroad a problem similar to the one that now faces the Royal Family at home. The monarchy has lost at a tragic stroke all that was young, beautiful, sympathem is as "ordinary" people. thetic, accessible and even rel-Many are the young and young-evant about royalty for Britons.

Even in the poorest nations the flags fly

Marcus Tanner

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For some, thousands of miles from the scene of the princess's death, the hurden of grief was just too much. In Pakistan, a 39year-old man who had his photo taken with Diana, when she wisited his village in May, killed himself. He took up a few minutes of her life, but Shehnaz - Shafi swallowed poison in the eastern city of Gujrat when he heard of her death - his precious picture of himself and Diana in

his pocket. And in Hong Kong, a man jumped to his death from a 33rd storey window yesterday. Behind him he left his pile of newspaper reports of the princess's death. Outside, Avid collectors rushed to snap up old stamps featuring the late princess as dealers jacked up prices by hundreds of Hong Kong dollars.

A handful of suicides by people perhaps already highly dis-turbed. But in many of the world's poorest countries there was real grief for the princess who both dazzled and comforted them, and fears that her work might now be forgot-

In Angola, which the princess visited in January as part of her compaign against the sale and manufacture of landmines, some of those who saw her during her visit said they feared the cause she championed would be abandoned. "She was genuinely in-terested in our suffering." said Jose Sarita, a 35-year-old former soldier with the government army, who had his leg blown off by an anti-tank mine. "Now that she is dead we don't know who will take up the fight."

military rulers ordered flags to fly at half-mast until the funer al service in London on Saturday. Kenya's president, Daniel arap Moi, also ordered flags to be flown at half-mast for five days. In Addis Ababa, the Secretary-General of the Organisation of African Unity paid tribute to Diana, saying "many of the causes she espoused were very dear to Africa".

countries, grief was expressed in a more conventional style. Aus-tralia's Prime Minister, John Howard, the Queen's repre-sentative in Australia, Governor-General Sir William Deane and other politicians and diplomats, packed the tiny St John's Anglican Church in the Canberra suburh of Reid for a memorial service at which Mr Howard read a lessons from the

"Not since the assassination of President John F Kennedy has the world community reacted with such universal dis-may," said the Anglican archbishop of Sydney, who conducted the service. The New Zealand Parliament has canceled regular husiness after conducting a condolence motion. Memorial services will be held in cities around the country to coincide with the funeral service.

Source: The Times 1000' 95

In many quarters, the princess's death has stifled the republican debate. Some dissent. The death of the Princess was Britain's punishment for the decapitation the 19th century Aboriginal warrior Yagan, an aboriginal activist said Tuesday. "Because the Poins did the wrong thing, they now have to suffer."



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Two paparazzi still held in custody

Freelance worked for top agency

Paris

The two photographers who the French public prosecutor ruled should be held in custody were Christian Martinez and Romuald Rat.

The reason for the request was the subject of significant speculation yesterday and it vas suggested that Mr Martinez at least, may have been one of the photographers known to have taken photographs of the Princess of Wales as she lay injured in the wrecked Mercedes.

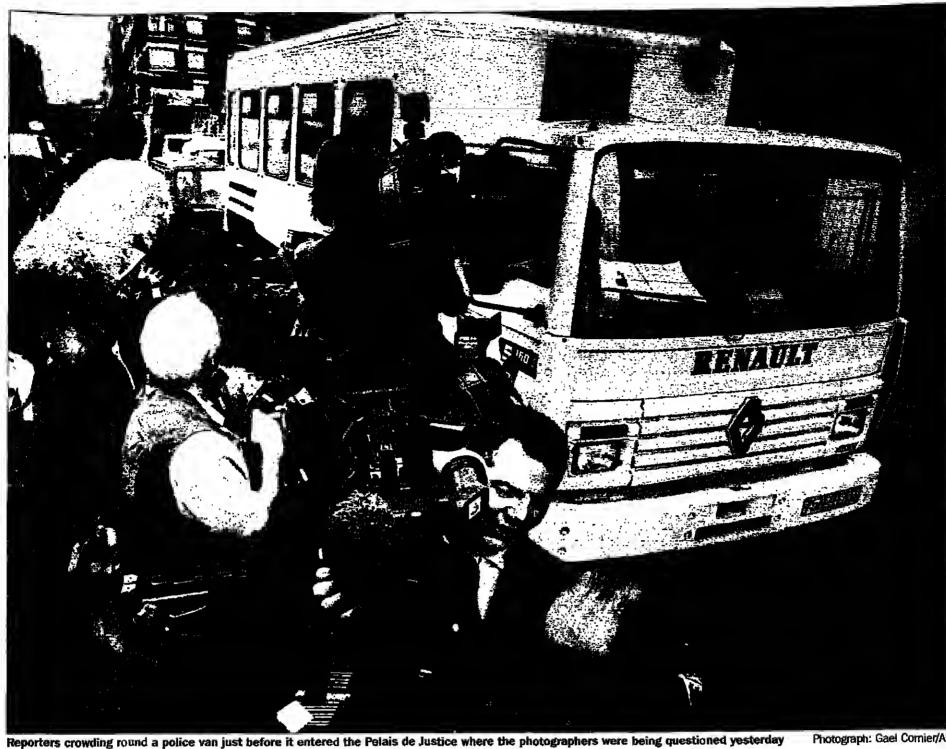
Mr Martinez, 35, although a freelance, does much of his work for the agency of Italian-born Daoiel Angeli, France's top paparazzi and the man credited with taking the pictures of the Duchess of York having her toes sucked by her "financial adviser" Johnny Bryan in the south of France.

He is understood to have worked with the pack for around 15 years, but colleagues were loath yesterday to reveal more details. A photographer friend of Mr Martinez said that he persocally had received death threats after appearing on television discussing the work of the paparazzi. "Someone telephoned the agency and threat-ened to kill me," he said.

The friend was alarmed that although the chauffeur had been shown to be drunk, the pa-parazzi were still being hlamed. The damage has been done. The judge has heard of the paparazzi now." Asked whether Angeli's agency knew anything of Mr Martinez's Involvement in Sunday's crash, the friend gestured towards the room where the hearing was taking place, and said: "The only person who knows is in there.

Mr Martinez's lawyer is one of France's leading advocates, Gilbert Collard, who is based in Marseilles, hut Mr Collard had sent a representative to the hearing yesterday.

Romuald Rat - who has, un-



surprisingly heen christened Roland Rat by British journalists - is about 30 years old and lives modestly in Montreuil-sur-Bois, just outside Paris. He works mainly for the Gamma agency and is regarded as an experienced paparazzi.
At the Palais de Justice he was

represented by Jean-Marc Cob- widely known for his award-winlence, the lawyer also speaking for Stephen Darmon, who works as a driver for Gamma, and also

for Serge Arnal, a freelance. Many were surprised to discover the name of Jacques Langevin, 40, among those Henrotte, a director of Sygma, held. Not a paparazzi, he is most has said Mr Langevin had noth-

ning pictures of the Tiananmen Square massacre in Peking. He. was working for the agency Sygma on Sunday but former, ly worked for the international news agency Reuters. Hubert

ing to do with what happened and had never been one of those photographers involved in chasing personalities. Unlike the diebard paparazzi, who travel on motorbikes, it is understood that he was travelling in a car.

Nicolas Arsov, who is aged about 30, works for the agency

Sipa and is known as Nico. Serge Arnal, 35, is a freelance well known around the glitzy. nightlife of Paris and at the annual Cannes film festival. Laszlo Verez, 48, is also a freelance who normally deals with newspapers and magazines directly Photograph: Gael Comier/AP

The seventh person held for questioning, according to lawyers at the Palais de Justice, was Stephen Darmon, 30, who acted as a driver for the Gamma agency. Many agencies employ drivers to get their pictures away while the photographers continue working.

Police say lensmen were malignant

John Lichfield

A leaked police report gave a chilling account yesterday of the behaviour of press photographers in the minutes after the car carrying the Princess crashed on Saturday night. The report, written by two of the first police officers oo the

scene, described the photographers as "malignant and ob-structive". It said several paparazzi pushed aside police who were trying to aid the victims, accusing them of getting in the way of their cameras. The report, leaked to RIL ra-

dio, quotes one photographer as saying to the police: "You make me shit. Let me do my job. Even in Sarajevo the cops let us work. Wait until someone's fired at you, then you'll see."

The officer's account forms part of the evidence which led to preliminary charges yesterday against seven press photographers for failing to assist accident victims. Police and prosecutors have drawn up a. 350-page dossier on the events which led to the crash in the early hours of Sunday morning and the disturbing scenes which followed.

Among other things, this dossier appears to reject sug-gestions that the crash was caused directly by the pursuing press pack. Several witnesses have told police that they saw the Princess's car "flanked by bikes" just before the accident and that one hike was zig-zagging ahead of the Mercedes when it collided with pillar in an

underpass. But, according to press leaks and lawyers for the photographers, these accounts have been rejected in the dossier as not fitting the main body of evidence. Police believe that the press posse was 100 to 200 metres behind the limousine when it

crashed. Nonetheless, the prosecutors helieve there is prima facie evidence that the photographers' hehaviour that night led to the accident in more general sense. For this reason, an examining magistrate was asked yesterday to continue the in-quiries and was expected to place seven photographers un-der formal examination for, among other things, manslaugh-ter. Lawyers for the photographers rejected these charges as theatrical" and intended to please the French foreign ministry, under pressure from the British government and public opinion. The lawyers predicted that the examining magistrate, Herve Stéphan would not be able to make the manslaughter

charges stick.

The charges of failing to assist at an accident under the French "Samaritan" law may be a different matter, however.

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French justice a labyrinth quite different from British system

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The seven photographers "charged" with Depending on the seriousness of the case, manslaughter following the death of Princess — he can keep a suspect in custody for up to Diana were technically not charged at all: they sto months.

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stage to being actually charged with an offence.

The main point of difference with the British pattern of justice is the role of the fuge of instruction or examining magistrate. Unless there is a clear and unarguable case to answer, the public prosecutor's office (the parquet) eppoints an examining magistrate to decide whether e case should be pursued on not from that point the magistrate not or not. From that point, the magistrate, not

The French way of justice is as bewildering the police leads the investigation. He as-as the British system - but bewildering in differential system - but bewildering in different ways.

If he decides that there is possible case to answer, he places the accused under ex-amination, if he concludes, after completing his incuiries, that there is no basis for a charge. he declares a non-lieu - he drops the case. If he believes the accused should be he tried. he formally sends the case on to the courts. Under the French system, this is, properly speaking, the stage when someone is legal

Driver of crash car known to have a drink problem

the Princess of Wales died was known to have had a drink problem hut appeared to have conquered it, according to staff at the Paris Ritz, writes John

But one unnamed hotel em-ptoyee told the French newspaper Libération that Henri Paul, 41, had arrived at the Ritz, which is owned by Mohamed al-Fayed, on the night of the crash "over-excited and drunk as a pig". A second medical test has put the level of alcohol in his blood that night even higher than the first estimation, at 187 milligrams per 100 millilitres, oearly four times the legal limit. This is equivalent to about one and a half bottles of

A chauffeur outside the ho-tel yesterday said: "Monsieur Paul", a bulking former air-force pilot, was a familiar and wellliked figure. "A couple of years ago, yes, there was a problem," he said. "But we were all told he was drinking no more."

Another unnamed Ritz emloyee gave a similar story to Liberation. "He went on the wagon a year ago," the em-ployee said. "A couple of days ago, at a reception for a housekeeper who was leaving, he drank nothing but orange

However, another Ritz worker told Le Purisien: "You can't



Symbols of sadness: Floral tributes mounting up on the bridge above the tunnel in Paris Photograph: AP

6 There was a problem. But we were all told he was drinking no more

home but had then been summoned back to the hotel by Dodi Fayed personally. "It all

The problem, he said, was was the son of the owner and it that Monsieur Paul had gone was an order."

Mr Paul had worked at the hotel for 11 years as deputy head of security. Staff said that happened so quickly ... Dodi he loved to be seen, and pho-

tographed, with the stars who stayed at the hotel and prided tastes and foibles. He was also well known to the press photographers who haunted the

Ritz and often joked with them. It was alleged again yesterday by a photographer, in an interview with a German newspaper, that Mr Paul had issued a kind of dare or challenge to the assembled paparazzi on Saturday night. "He said: 'you won't catch us tonight'," said the unnamed French photographer, apparently one of several who fied the crash scene.

A Breton, Mr Paul loved to return to his native province at weekends, where he would fly private aircraft and sail. Although he was not a professional chauffeur, he had been on specialist driving courses organised by Mercedes and was often asked to drive VIPs including, on at least one previous occasion, Dodi Fayed and the Princess of Wales.

Although all witness accounts agree that he was driving at enormously high speed at the time of the accident, the Parisian public prosecutor's office yesterday denied reports that the speed at the time of impact had been pin-pointed at 196 kph (121 mph). Expert estimations, based on the extent of damage to the armour-plated car, put Mr Paul's speed at

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Junket inquiry council admits failings

Westminster Correspondent

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A local authority under police investigation for alleged corruption has admitted to an extraordinary series of failings by councillors and senior officers.

A highly self-critical report by two senior council officers of Doncaster council lists wideranging failures by their col-leagues and councillors in the Labour-run authority.

The report will stimulate Tory criticism of sleaze in Labour's own back yard and suggests that future inquiries mto the affair will be deeply damaging. While couched in bu-reaucratic language, the criti-cism is of a strength rarely seen

in local government reports. The inquiry team, led by the legal services director, Judy

'There were inappropriate receipt of gifts and hospitality and a failure to comply with rules'

Rolston, and the social services director, Ian Cartwright, says that for several years "cer- Walsh, was alleged to have ment of the council, by a number of members and senior officers, has not operated effectively to determine policy, set standards and promote proper and effective decision-making".

Moreover, "checks and bal-ances which should have safeguarded the council have often

not done so" The report singles out "some members and some senior officers", in particular the former chief executive, Doug Hale, and the former finance director, John Smith, both of whom have now left the council. It finds several instances of "inappropriate" them in his report.

on the part of some members comply with rules on this and on declarations of interest".

While the investigation started over allegations of junketing it has spread to cover more serious abuses of the planning process. In this respect, both members and officers had fallen short of the "highest stan-dards of conduct".

The report's authors add: "There is also strong evidence of undue influence, of oppressive behaviour by some members towards officers and/or fellow members ... seeking to influence proper process.

This was a breach of the Na-tional Code of Local Government Conduct, the report says. The failure to observe these pro-cedures has "contributed to fundamental problems ranging from breaches of standing orders to alleged criminal activity". There was also a "lack of openness".

The report recommends action including setting up a com-mittee to "address issues of probity and good practice", the recruitment of a chief internal auditor, the introduction of a whistleblower's charter and mandatory training for counciliors on "planning law, procedure and the decision-making

Malcolm Glover, who became leader of the council after his predecessor, Peter trips, said: "The council is currently facing the closest scrutiny in its history and this report and its proposals will help us take the necessary steps re-

quired to repair our image."

Doncaster is also the subject of inquiries by the district auditor and the Labour Party which has suspended five coun-

cillors and the district party. The Independent revealed last month that 40 councillors, including some Tories, had been written to by the district auditor asking for their views because he intended to name



Restoration play: Enjoying croquet at Jacobean Chastleton House in Oxfordshire, which after years of work has been returned to its pre-Civil War state

Back to life: the house where time stood still

Stephen Goodwin Hentage Correspondent

One of England's most complete Jacobean houses opens to the public next week after a £3.2m scheme to stop its decay turning into dereliction.

To say that the National Trust has "restored" Chastleton House, in north Oxfordshire, would be to belittle six years of sensitive work done by specialists and craftsmen. They used as light a touch as possible on the house which, until six years ago, was owned by the same family that bought it in 1602 from Robert Catesby, who was later the mastermind of the Gunpowder Plot.

Much of the furniture and fittings from that period are still at Chastleton, and, apart from the weathering of its Cotswold stone, the exterior of the house has barely changed. It stands by a 12th century church, down tle breath of decay.

Only one event of any significance occurred at Chastleton. but from it stemmed the family's poverty and, paradoxically, the house's preservation.

In 1651 Arthur Jones, the andson of the man who bought the house from Catesby, fought alongside Charles I at the Battle of Worcester. After their defeat, Jones fled to the house and with Cromwell's men in hot pursuit, hid in a secret room over the

Having found Arthur's exhausted horse in the stable, the Commonwealth soldiers thought

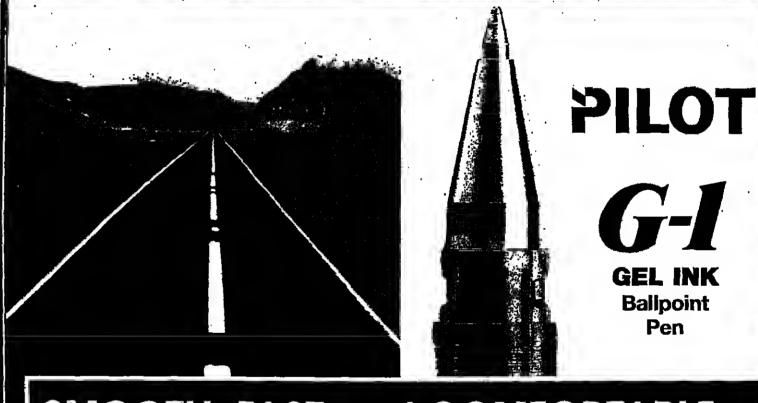
that they had their man cornered and demanded supper and a bed from Jones's wife, Sarah. She drugged their ale with landanum, and, while they slept, Arthur escaped on one of his enemies' horses.

Arthur Jones celebrated the Restoration by planting two oak trees at Chastleton which still survive. However, the famfrom the fines imposed on them as Jacobite sympathisers.

house with the aid of grants from the National Heritage Memor-ial Fund, snow blew from end to end of the barrel-vaulted Long Gallery, one of the finest rooms in England, and the furniture

When the trust tonk over the was beetle-infested. Even today, the tapping of the death watch beetle can still be heard in the timbers. In the gardens, lawns have been reinstated as they savour the timeless tranquillity were when the rules of croquet

open on 9 September. There is 1 it numbers so that visitors can which is Chastleton's special



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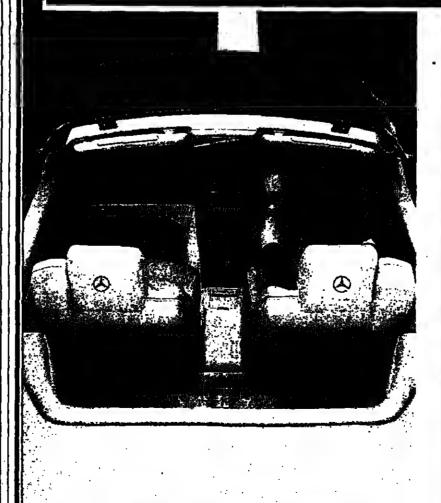


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Scots' support for tax powers falls below 50%

Political Correspondent

Support for a Scottish parliament with tax-raising powers has dropped below 50 per cent for the first time, according to a poll published

The survey for the Glasgow Her-ald newspaper showed 47 per cent of Scots likely to vote "yes" on the tax question in the 11 September referendum. 7 per cent less than a similar poll a month ago. Thirty-two per cent said that they would vote

A clear majority are still in favour of the setting up of the parliament, however, with 61 per cent saying they would vote "yes" and 23 per

cent saying "nn".
Although the figures still show that a clear majority of those who have decided will vote "yes, yes", there was disappointment among campaigners for the parliament vesterday.

Recent polls, including some carried out privately for the Scotland Forward pro-devolution group, have shown a slow erosion of support for their cause,

The number of people undecided on the tax question rose in yesierday's poll from 19 per cent to 21 at all remained the same at 16 per

There was further dissent over the referendum yesterday as Tam Dalyell, the long-time anti-devolutinnist and MP for Linlithgow, called for the vote to be delayed. He told BBC Radin 4's World at One programme that because of the sussion of campaigning until after the funeral of Diana. Princess of Wales, nn Saturday, people would not bave had had enough time to

make up their minds. "This gives us precisely four days, three if you don't count Sunday, and for such a crucial decision there should be a longer cam-paigning time," he said.

The referendum could easily be postponed until May or June next year, he added.

Donald Dewar, the Secretary of State for Scotland, said on the same programme that the referendum would go ahead as planned, and he argued that the technical difficulty of recalling Parliament to stop

it would be "formidable." "I think people in Scotland are very well aware of the issues. We bave had a very sad and tragic week but 1 think people will be able to move on from that ... they will be per cent, while those undecided on able to concentrate on what is un-

whether they wanted a parliament doubtedly an important vote and make their voices heard and their views known," be said.

Mr Dewar said that be bad thought hard about the possibility of delay, but did not think the Scot tish people were "so unsophisti-cated" that they could not grieve for the Princess as well as consider the issues involved in the devolution dehate.

"I think people will want to get a decision taken. I think it is time for that decision after all these years of debate.

"I think that the feeling of uncertainty and anticlimax would in fact be regretted afterwards if we didn't push ahead," be said.
"I think it would be wrong, in fact,

to call all this off and to start all over again at some uncertain, indeterminate future date. 1 think Scotland wants to make up its mind now."

The campaign bad been longer than was pormal in a general election, he added, and if the vote was put off it would have to be delayed

The national organiser of Scot-land Forward, Paolo Vestri, said that the fall in support shown in yesterday's Glasgow Herald poll was disappointing. "However, there are many people who are still unde-



Sitting in judgement: Jazz singer George Melly (in stripes) joining the Jury for this year's John Moores exhibition, which opens at Liverpool's Walker Art Gallery on 7 November. The winner of the £20,000 prize will be announced on 5 November Photograph: Craig Easton



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Tough new rules to stop dumping of oil rigs at sea

Nicholas Schoon Environment Correspondent

The Government vesterday aunounced tough policies to curb marine pollution which, it claimed, reversed previous Tory policies and put pressure on other European Dano the North Sea.

The move, announced at the start of international negotiations on sea dumping, were warmly welcomed by the cnvironmental group Greenpeace which had been closely consulted by the environment minister, Michael Meacher.

The Government wants further curbs in the levels of nuclear waste discharges from Britain's two nuclear reprocessing plants, Sellafield in years. Cumbria and Dounreay at Caithness.

Redundant oil and gas rigs will have to be brought to shore to be dismantled, then disposed of or recycled, rather than dumped at sea. Only if it was un-safe or "impracticable" to do so least 25 years, but bad wanted the option of reviewing this

would exceptions be made - circumstances which apply to a small number of massive concrete structures in Britain's northernmost offshore oil fields.

had argued that the disposal of

The previous Government

redundant deep-sea rigs should basis, although it had agreed that all rigs in shallow waters should be brought back to land. Mr Meacher also announced that industrial pollutants would have to be curbed to the point

where levels of any synthetic, man-made chemical in the oceans would he "close to zero". That meant a complete phase-out of any hazardous pollutants "within a genera-tion" - taken to mean about 25

Britain would never seek to dump any solid nuclear waste at sea, he added. The last government bad also agreed to an international ban on dumping nuclear waste at sea lasting at revaluation, scheduled for 2019. There had been speculation

that Britain might want to dump parts of its decommissioned nuclear submarines at sea in the long-term future. The Ministry of Defence yesterday confirmed the vessels - 11 have already been decommissioned - would be disposed of onshore.

Officials from the Depart-

ment of the Environment have explained the new policy at a meeting in Brussels this week of the Oslo Paris Commission (OSPAR), a 14-nation body which regulates dumping and pollution in the north-east Atlantic. Mr Meacher said on BBC Radio 4: This is the most important change in UK marine policy for at least a couple of

decades." Greenpeace UK executive director Peter McIchett said: "The UK Government is, for the first time, giving British industry a clear, positive and accurate sigstop polluting our seas."

Police find explosives after blast kills man

Police raided a house in Brecon yesterday afternoon after one man was killed and another seriously injured in an explosion in a nearby house on Monday night. Detectives discovered a number of sticks of British made PE4 military plastic explosives.

The blast occurred shortly before 10pm on Monday night prompting a massive police operation which continued throughout yesterday.
The area remained cordoned

off with scores of police officers, fire brigade and ambulance personnel and army bomb disoosal experts on stand-by. Detective Chief Superintendent Jeff Thomas, head of proof paper.

Dyfed Powys CID said yesterday evening: "The explosives were unlawfully obtained. We have no knowledge of them being distributed.
"The two men are known to

the police but had no reason to be handling explosives. At this stage there is no indication of any terrorist link whatsoever.
"We urgently require infor-

mation regarding these materials and appeal to anyone with information to contact us." Police are liaising with the military in an investigation which is expected to last a con-

siderable time. The explosives, in eight inch long and one inch wide sticks, were wrapped in white grease-

Mr Thomas displayed one stick at a news conference in Brecon Police Station and remarked: "Just two of these caused the explosion which vir-tually demolished number 8, Dorglas on Monday night." Several bouses on the Bron y

Crug estate, where the explosives were found, were evacu-ated after the hlast. The house itself is about 400 yards from Breenn Barracks the beadquarters of the army in Wales. Police identified the man who died on Monday night as

30-year-old Andrew Cridland. The wrecked house was heing demolished yesterday evening after Mr Cridland's body had been recovered from

Adams finds US muted

Mary Dejevsky Washington and David McKittrick

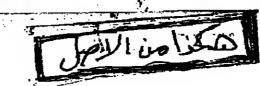
Gerry Adams, the leader of Sinn Fein, arrived in the United States yesterday for his first visit since the breakdown of the IRA ceasefire last February, basking in the British Government's decision to invite Sinn Fein's representatives to join the all-party talks on the future of Northern Ireland.

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Mr Adams is likely to find his reception in the United States at almost any time in recent unusually muted. The British Government's invitation, and Sinn Fein's agreement, to join the all-party talks last week has removed the appearance of exclusion that made Sinn Fein appear a victim even to nonsympathisers in the US. He will also find the American public and the television net-

death of Princess Diana and in

Many of Mr Adams' official engagements in the US - two days in Washington and one in New York - are with republican sympathisers or the media. He is, however, expected to meet the National Security Adviser, Sandy Berger, who has been the main point of liaison between works preoccupied with the the US and British governments over Northern Ireland.



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Cook's opium war broadside backfires

Richard Lloyd Parry

The risks of the Labour Party's new "ethical" foreign policy have been dramatically illustrated with the threat of a boycost of a summit meeting in London by Asian couotries determined to show solidarity with the military government of

The threat was made by the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Mahathir Mohamad, hours after a histering attack oo the Rangoon regime by the British Foreign Secretary, Rohin Cook. Dr Mahathir said members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (Asean) may not turn up to the second Asia-Europe Meetiog, due to be held next April in Loodon, if Britain refuses a place at the table for the Burmese junta.

If there is discrimination against Myanmar [Burma], it is a discrimination against Asean," he said io Kuala Lumpur late on Monday night.

Earlier in Singapore, Mr Cnok rounded off a five-day tour of South-East Asia by excoriating Burma's State Law and Order Restoration Council (Slore) as "not only a deeply repressive regime, but . . . also a deeply irresponsible regime" for its suppression of democracy and its collusion in the drugs trade, He said the common European policy of denying visas to members of the Slore made it "impossible" for BurMeeting, which has hitherto tion of Burma's attendance at brought together the EU,

Despite vigorous opposition from Europe and America, Burma was formally admitted to Ascan in July. But British diplomats say this does not auto-matically entitle it to a seat at the table in London. It seems Dr Mahathir's comments mark the opening salvo in what will be an increasingly tense hattle

an attack on Asean

he regards as Western preaching on human rights issues. Among the other Asean countries, Vietnam has already indicated its support for the Malaysian position, and the question is likely to dominate a meeting in Luxembourg next month of senior officials from Europe and Asia.

Any sign of a climh down over Burma would be damag-ing to Mr Cook's credibility after the strong lice he has adopted over human rights, and which he emphasised in the run up to next spring's throughout last week's trip. A meeting. The swords are being drawn," said one diplomat. Foreign Office spokesman yesterday ruled out any compro-"Malaysia is saying, 'We would mise. "The Foreign Secretary oever dictate whom you hring to the table - why should we be said what he said. If there was a complete U-turn within Burdictated to by you? The prob-lem is not going to go away." Mr Cook met with Dr Mama, we'd be in a differeot situarlon," he said. "For quite some time now we've been pressing hathir last week, though the Forthem to change their ways, but eign Office was unable to say there is no evidence they've paid





part of a co-ordinated effort'

"Cumulatively, each of these dripdrips wears away at the stooe of resistance," Thus Rohin Cook sums up the hoped-for effect of his four-country tour of South-East Asia, which coded with his return to Brize Norton in the early hours of vesterday.

In an interview on board his RAF VC10 from Singapore, Mr Cook argued that Britain cannot do it alooe: "The pressure we apply on a country like Indooesia will only work if it's part of a co-ordinated pressure from other countries." Certainly, there are no miracles on the horizoo. The government in Indonesia was hardly rocked to its foundations by Mr Cook's visit, Instead, the Indonesian Foreign Mioister talked suavely of "concrete co-operatioo" Cook: 'Pressure only works if it is between Britain and Indonesia, "especially in the field of human rights".

government's stance oo human rights was firmly rejected. Malaysia's determination not to be pushed around became even clearer yesterday, when it defied Mr Cook by insisting - as reported above - that Burma should come to the Asia-Europe Meeting (Asem) in Loodon next year.

In Singapore, where press freedom is an important and controversial issue, Mr Cook appeared only to have raised the matter with his hosts after journalists asked about it at his final press conference. In other words, this was not a trip

of grand confrontation. Mr Cook studiously avoided saying the kind of things which might make him persona commitment to human rights. And

In Malaysia, implied criticism of the non grata. This can be perceived as weaselling out - or as playing a long game. Mr Cook believes that "it is question of finding a balance", and insists it is better not to be seen to wield a hig hammer. "What I said on human rights was listened to, because it was not a lecture ... I would strongcontest the suggestion that I've backed off in any way," he told The

Independent. He is determined that the issues of trade and human rights should not be seen as an either-or. Mr Cook seemed close to bottling out of direct confrontation, at some points - as though he had been Sir

yet, historical comparisons make it Cook's mission will seem successful. clear that the trip cannot be written off as irrelevant grandstanding, or as pinpricks in an elephant's hide.

In 1975, the Soviet Unioo signed up to a raft of human rights guar-antees—and then ignored those commitmeots. At the time, the Helsinki accords were regarded by many in the West as a cop-out, because the West had no way of forcing Moscow to comply. Io reality they provided a benchmark which helped the democratic opposition throughout the Soviet bloc. The commitments were modest, but laid the foundation for enormous change, in the years to

There is no certainty that Mr

formed." The same kind of change, he believes, could come to Indone-Robin Cook tells Steve Crawshaw of his hopes for democracy in South-East Asia sia and other countries in the region. "I think it is particularly important" to apply these constant pressures to It is also clear the most difficult chalthe next generation who are likely to lenges are yet to come. On Saudi Aratake over from 76-year-old President Suharto] - so that they understand bia, for example - a rich and powerful ally, whose track record on human that if they want an outward-lookrights makes Indonesia seem a de-

> he has only just finished a trip to South-East Asia: isn't that enough? One of these days, however, he will have to comment. It will not be easy. Mr Cook himself is upbeat about the future, because of the experience of receat decades. "When I was young, Latin America was all military dictatorships. Now, it's democ-

mocratic nirvana - Mr Cook refuses

to be drawn. After all, he poiots out,

Mr Cook was scathing about the 'easy apocalpytic" assessments of the the south-east Asian tiger economies. The region's markets have gone through enormous turbulence in recent days and weeks. "Any idea that this is the end of

ing Iodooesia, they have got to adopt a different style."

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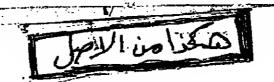
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Golden Elephant Lady is going to enter the lion's den.

Short, who accused the re-

maining residents of the volcano-ravaged British Caribbean colony last month of trying to

squeeze money out of Britain -

"they'll be wanting golden ele-phants next" - will visit the is-

land later this year to see their

Her deputy, junior minister George Foulkes, made the an-

nouncement of her forthcoming

visit yesterday at the end of a

two day visit to Montserrat. In an about-turn from Ms Short's

earlier policy, which appeared to encourage islanders to leave,

Mr Foulkes also announced a five-year sustainable development plan to re-build battered

Montserrat in the 12-square

mile northern safe zone where

almost all remaining 4,000

Montserratians have moved.

The southern two-thirds of

the island, including the devas-

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The housing project had previously been frozen.

The one remaining hospital,

at Gerald's Park, which was

now be upgraded as will roads,

water and power systems "at the

maximum possible speed", the statement said. Over the next six

months, Britain would draw up

the sustainable development

plan "to provide the level of ser-

vices and infrastructure appropriate to the needs of the

community" over the next five years, including help for small-

Priority would be given to transport links, apparently re-ferring to the possibility of a new

airstrip. The old Blackburne air-

port is in the long-evacuated

danger zone. At present, peo-

ple come and go to the island of Antigua on a small cruise

boat or a nine-seat helicopter. A scheme to give islanders low-interest mortgages to build their own homes would also be

launched, the statement said.

Britain pledged to "play its part" with regional and inter-

scale businesses.

Comoros troops

Moroni (Reuters) - Preps tions by the army in the Comoro Islands to end a secession by force seemed to gather pace yes-terday when some 300 sakilers left the capital, Moroni, ap-parently on their way to An-jouan. Moroni residents said telephone lines between Meroni and the islands of Anjouan and Moheli appeared to have been severed.

ready for

battle

The soldiers sailed on board two ships they seized on Mon-day. The captains of the ships had originally refused to sail overnight. Comoran authorities earlier told an envoy of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) that the troops at Moroni port were simply going on

But speculation about a military intervention has grown on Grande Comore, largest of the three-island group in the Indi-an Ocuan that forms the Federal Islamic Republic of the

Some passengers said they had seen the deployment of heavy weapons on the island by secessionists. They reported ordinary people as being in a festive mood in Mutsamudu, Anjouan's main town. "Many people are singing and dancing in the streets of Mutsamudu ... they seem eager to fight the Comoran



Fish out of water: Fishermen bring in their catch of hilsa fish from the mouth of the River Ganges in India. The catch is especially good this cager to fight the Como year because high monsoon tides have brought more fish than usual to spawn in the fresh waters of the Ganges

Photograph: AP army," one passenger said.

Gold turns Turkish villagers green

national banks and financial institutions to restore confi-Environmentalists in Turkey dence in the financial sector and are a lonely lot. Governments know that Tirks tend to be more in the future of Montserrat. The about-turn by Ms Short's interested in getting a job than department made it likely she saving the earth, Environmenwould receive at least a polite tal issues are skirted by politiwelcome here, something that cians of all hues, and Turkey's motley Green Party recently would have been unlikely after closed down. To add to the she accused the islanders of gloom, when a court recently orwhingeing. "It's good she's comdered a controversial power mg, said Donna Emmanuel, a station, plonked by a pine-clad gency houses for refugees will longtime American resident go ahead "at full speed" on who has been fighting for the re-Mediterranean bay, to suspend operations, the decision was Lookout Hill, according to a development of the island. "She overruled by ministers in lucky to hit on gold on the lip joint statement made by Mr. may get hanged in effigy but it's Ankara.

Bergama, 20 miles inland from from the Aegean coast so beloved of European holidaymakers, an alliance of farmers, local politicians and friendly media companies is propelling Turkey's first environmental movement. The villains are executives at Eurogold, a company formed-by Canadian, French and Australian backers - to exploit Turkey's still untapped gold reserves. The issue is cyanide which Enrogold wants to use to recover the gold from heavy metals which he around it.

Eurogold may have been unof a valley – at Ovacik. 10 miles per she goes the Prospects for green-minded from Bergama - full of vil-better, page 17 links are brightening, though. At lages. They were downright

foolish, though, to neglect publie relations - a mistake, opponents argue, they would not have made in westero Europe. Foremost among these opponents is Sefa Taskin. Bergama's impish mayor has eleverly donned green, and persuaded local farmers to pester deputies in Ankara and parade through Bergama in their underwear to publicise their cause. Villagers too lazy to join in have been yanked into line by decidedly emancipated wives. The cam-paign is now so fashionable, a group of Volkswagen Beetle owners is supporting it.

For all the protest's unexpected modishness, though, it half a mile from the barbed wire was only recently that Mr Taskin surrounding the site, are equalis only half the issue, the oth-

scored his first major victory. In May, a court in the capital recommended that Eurogold's mining permit be revoked on environmental grounds. While both sides wait nervously for a local court to accept or reject this recommendation, Eurogold's investment - \$30m to date - has begun to look unwise. To all except Eurogold, that is; armed with permits from no less than 12 ministries, the mining company is busy developing its site. Eurogold insists that the mine at Ovacik will be operational before the end of this

ly insistent that it will not. A ers being politics and economhandful unwise enough to accept jobs with Eurogold have been firmly ostracised, and the determination of environmentalists is inscribed in stone - a marble plaque at the entrance to the village reminds visitors of opposition from 17 villages. Polat Bektas, a habitue of the local case, remarks: "We are ready to die to ensure that the environment is not sullied." This is not the activism of Istanbul sophisticates, but a pop-ular protest. "Never again," says Mr Bektas, "will foreign mining companies think of

At Ovacik the environment

ics. According a lawyer working on behalf of the farmers, the area boasts 5,000 "militants" prepared to stop the mine starting production. This, under standardy, does not cheer Turkey's new government which likes mining and votes ir roughly equal measures. Ministers worry that, should the lo-cal court shut the mine down Eurogold will open a big compensation suit, and others wil be put off from entering Turkey's fledgling gold mining sector. While Ovacik waits for its cyanide, and the mining inpoliticians - both local and na tional - are holding their

smaller.

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Russians vote with their feet as chill economic wind blows north

It does not compare with the terrible years when millions were loaded into cattle trucks and dispatched to labour camps built on the some of the planet's most remote and hostile territory in the name of Stalin's empire. But another migration is underway, this time in the opposite direction. Since the collapse of the Soviet Union, a steady flow of people has been leaving Russia's far north to head southwards, contributing to a drop in population which the government estimates at 850,000 people - about 7 per cent of the region's population.

The most surprising aspect of the exodus is that it did not come sooner and faster. Living conditions for most of the 11.5 million people who survive amid the permafrost and tundra that stretches from the Norwegian border through Siberia to the Bering Sea are dismal and getting worse.

Many of them should never have

With the collapse of the Soviet empire, people are free to flee the Siberian wastes. Phil Reeves reports from Moscow

cupy Arctic communities that would peared with Communism and eco-nomics. Illness is rife (the inhabitants not exist, were it not for Stalin's mur-nomic collapse. Though rich in natural of the far north reportedly get ill 40 derous social engineering. Huge num-resources, most of its industries are per cent more frequently than the rest bers of prisoners - dissidents, Catholics, Muslims, Buddhists, those categorised as "Socially Harmful Elements", and others - were deported to Siberia for use as forced labour, mining gold and silver, building railways, and churning out timber and metals. Countless died in the process. After Stalin's death in 1953, and the

end to the tactics of terror, the Soviet Union was able to lure workers to the far north by offers of better apartments, long holidays on the Black Sea, and wage packets that were up to eight times higher than those on offer else-

been there in the first place. They oc- where. Those incentives have disap- raled with the transition to western ecothrottled by strikes over wage arrears, fuel shortages, and its own inability to survive without being propped up by Soviet central planning. Cries of protest rarely cross the thousands of miles to Moscow. In the former Gulag city of Vorkuta, coal miners have gone on hunger strike, hlocked railway tracks, marched, and downed tools. Yet many have not been paid for months. Economically, Russia's Far North is in a precarious position," said a recent regional bulletin by the New York-based Institute of East-West Studies. Prices, fixed by the Soviets, have spi-

of the country).

So is alcoholism, especially among indigenous tribes. Up to 80 per cent of the residents of some Eskimo settlements are alcoholics - a perfor-mance that even the hard-drinking Russians cannot match.

The climate could scarcely be worse.

Summers last as little as 20 days, and are accompanied by plagues of mosquitoes. Winters, with the weeks of total darkness, last up to 10 months.

In the vast Magadan region in the north-east, temperatures can be as low as -65C. July temperatures only man-

age to struggle up to a chilly 12C. There is little doubt that Russia's migration south would have been larger were it easier. Much of the far north is without roads or railways; air tick-ets require savings, most of which were wiped out by the hyper-inflation of the early 1990s.

And moving to where the money is - notably, Moscow – is fraught with hurdles. The 1993 Russian constitution is supposed to guarantee freedom of movement and residence. Yet both Moscow and St Petersburg continue to defy the law-despite frequent rulings against them.

City officials continue to operate the Soviet propiska system, in which new arrivals need a police permit to move in. The going rate in the capital is \$5,000 (£2,900) - riches which are about as accessible to most of those living in Russia's snowlands as Santa

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Denmark jails neo-Nazis over bombs to Britain

A Danish court jailed three local neo-Nazis yesterday for attempting to send letter bombs to targets in Britain.
The Danish news agency Ritzan said that the court sentenced Thomas Derry Nakaba, the plot leader, to eight years in prison, a stiff sentence in liberal Denmark. His accomplices, Michael Volder and Nicky Steensgaard, were

each jailed for three years.

Court officials earlier said that the jury had convicted the three of preparing three letter bombs, one addressed to the three of preparing three letter bombs, one addressed to the British television presenter Sharon Davies, who is married to Derek Redmond, the black athlete. Another was aimed

at the Anti-Fascist Action organisation and the third at a wing of the far-right Combat 18 group as part of an internecine struggle between neo-Nazi factions.

Danish Police said the devices, disguised as video cassettes, contained dummy explosive but real detonators which could have blown a recipient's hand off.

Eta's death threat to mayor

Basque separatists have threatened to kill a Spanish mayor as part of an apparent campaign to terrorise politicians just weeks after the assassination of a Basque town councillor. Luis Valero, mayor of the town Tafalla in the northern Navarre region, said he received the threat in a letter from the guerrillas of the terrorist group Eta (Basque Homeland

and Freedom). The letter warned Mr Valero that he was causing great damage to the region, where Eta is fighting for an independent Basque state, and ordered him to leave in 30

If not, "we shall be forced to take measures that no one wants, but which have had painful results recently." it said.

Belgian police chief steps down

A top criminal investigator has stepped down after criticism of his role in the bungled search for missing children found murdered last year, officials said.

Christian de Vroom, chief of Belgium's Judicial Police, was criticised by a parliamentary inquiry into the disappearance of four young girls whose bodies were discovered buried on property belonging to convicted child rapist Marc Dutroux. De Vroom is the first high-ranking official forced from his job for his role in bungling the investigation.

Brussels - AP

Ankara bars peace mission

Riot police, backed by armoured personnel carriers, prevented an international peace mission from entering

the Turkish capital,

The peace mission set off from Istanhul on Sunday in
the hope of promoting a political solution to the TurkishKurdish conflict in the south-east of the country. The war with Kurdish rebels has killed 28,000 people since fighting began in 1984. The police stopped six buses, carrying some 300 Turkish and foreign human rights activists, and barred them from delivering a peace statement in downtown

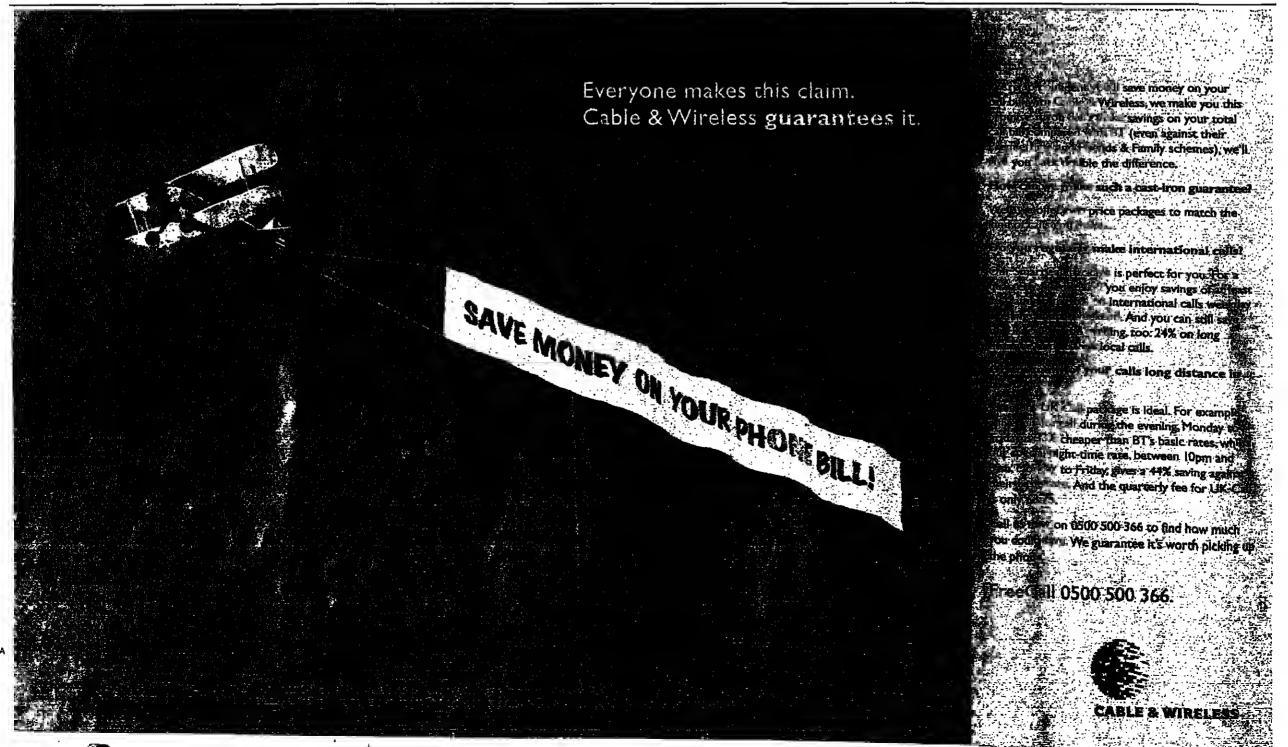
Hun Sen threatens prince

Hun Sen, the Cambodian leader, appeared to rule out talks with the co-premier he overthrew in July, saying Prince Norodom Ranariddh had to face trial for his alleged

... Hun Sen, the former Second Prime Minister, responding to a call from King Norodom Sihanouk for peace talks with his ousted rival Prince Ranariddh, also said that factional fighting in the north-west of the country would cease when royalist forces gave up and returned to the

Twins for Chinese panda

One of China's endangered pandas has given hirth to bealthy twins after a rare pregnancy in captivity. The twins were born last weekend at the Giant Panda Protection and Research Centre in the Wolong reserve in south-western Sichuan province. The research centre had artificially inseminated 13 female pandas, resulting in 19 births, although only 14 cubs had survived, the Xinhua news agency said. It did not say whether the twins were a result of a normal mating, but hailed the birth as a triumph among pandas in captivity. Peking- Reuters



Louis Essen

We live in a time-ordered world as witness the many thousands of clocks based on either caesium, rubidium or hydrogen, which combine to meet the nanosecond needs of telecommunications, navigation and defence systems. Apart from the infrequent introduction of leap seconds, time and time generation is now a matter for physicists rather than astronomers, and one of the most renowned

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It is possible to identify quite positively the start of atomic imekeeping as the day in June 1955 when Essen and his collaborator J.V.L. (Jack) Parry achieved successful operation at the National Physical Laboratory (NPL), Teddington of the ium beam resonator.

Theirs was not the first such equipment to operate; an earlier development at the US National Bureau of Standards in Washington, DC had demonstrated the potential of the caesium beam to provide a frequency reference. What distinguished Essen's achievement and transformed it into a time standard was the alliance of the caesium resonator with a number of existing clocks based on quartz crystal oscillators (so-called "quartz clocks") and the ability provided thereby to compare atomic time with the avail-

able astronomical time scales. It might be said that almost the whole of Essen's previous experience had uniquely fitted him to exploit this great leap forward in precise timekeeping which was henceforth to be based not on the Earth's motion but on the period appropriate to a small energy difference in the atom of caesium-133. He had joined NPL in 1929 from Nottingham University College and was immediately involved in the research under D.W. Dye,

FRS on quartz crystal oscillators. Dye had already developed an annular ring oscillator which Essen later transformed by substituting circumferential for ra-dial oscillation into a practica-hle standard of high stability. Before the advent of atomic sources, Essen-ring oscillators in their commercially available form were to provide many laboratories and institutions throughout the world with a nearly constant frequency which was sufficiently stable over lengthy periods to reveal the ex-tent of the seasonal variations in the Earth's rate of rotation.

The years of the Second World War involved a diversion of effort to other areas including the design and calibration of cavity resonator wave-meters at high radio frequencies. This provided the stimulus for a radically new approach to the determination of the speed of light based on measurements of the radio-frequency resonances in a cylindrical cavity of precisely known dimensions. The first results obtained in 1946 gave a val-ue for the speed of light in vacuum some 16 km/s higher than the internationally ac-

cepted figure, equivalent to 1 part in 20,000.

Using improved equipment this result was confirmed with greater accuracy in 1950. Even with the support of the then Director of the NPL, Sir Charles Darwin, it required no little courage and self-assurance on Essen's part to challenge the scientific orthodoxy of the time. In later years, measurements by other workers using a variety of techniques continued to converge on Essen's result and also extended it to greater accuracy until in due course, in 1983, the speed of light was considered sufficiently well known to incorporate it in a redefinition of the metre in terms of the time taken for light to travel the metric distance.

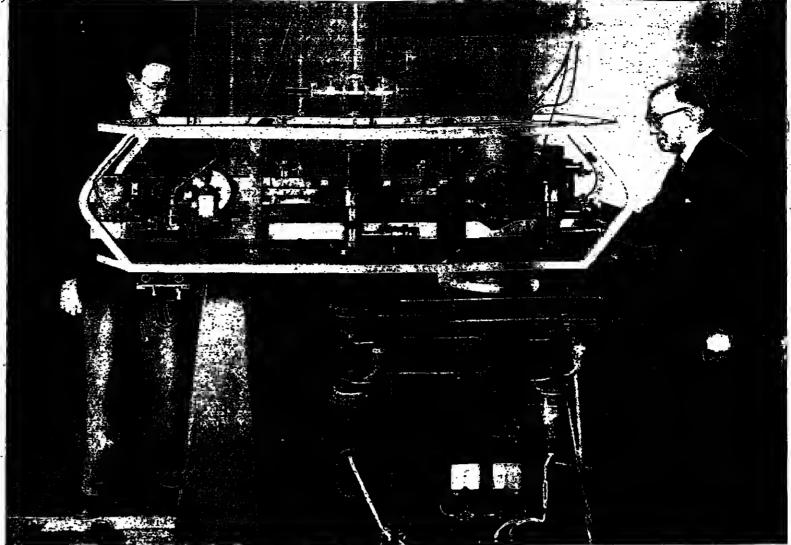
Essen had kept in close touch. through several visits, with the efforts in the United States, especially at the National Bureau of Standards (NBS) to realise an

atomic frequency reference. He had rightly disregarded the hy-perbole attached to earlier devices based on the ammonia molecule and concluded that the future lay in accessing the relevant energy levels in atoms having a suitable electronie structure, such as those of hy-

drogen, rubidium and caesium. On returning from his latest visit in 1953, Essen and Parry were allocated rather stender resources to produce an NPL equivalent of the NBS equipment. Despite little prior experience of the techniques of atomic spectroscopy they suc-ceeded in a remarkably short time and the world's first source of atomic time became operational in June 1955 with an accuracy equivalent to about one second in 300 years. The extent of the advance can be seen from comparison with the behaviour of the Earth which might typically vary in its time keeping by this amount in the period of one

Essen now faced a similiar sit-

uation to that encountered with his measurements of the speed of light in securing acceptance of his results, in this case in the form of a unit of atomic time. The initial calibration of the caesimm frequency by reference to time from the Royal Greenwich Observatory enabled an atomic second to be defined and also disseminated through the UK radio broadcasts. However, the International Astronomical Union coincidentally meeting in Dublin in August 1955 had moved the goalposts and redefined time (Ephemeris Time) in relation to the Earth's motion round the Sun. This produced a unit which was constant by definition hat available to useful accuracy only Dublin but he was unable to influence events, although convinced by now after several months of operation of the cae-



The start of atomic time-kneping, 1955: Essen (right) and Jack Parry with the coesium standard they developed, accurate to one second in 300 years. It is now in the Science Museu

ward in regard to both accuracy and availability was atomic and not astronomical time.

The second of Ephemeris Time was formally adopted by the international community in 1960 but its life was short and it was replaced by the atomic after several years. Essen was invited to present his results at adopted was that obtained by Essen in collaboration with William Markowitz of the US Naval Observatory. They had met in Duhlin and agreed to

ephemeris seconds. This was a good example of the happy relations which Essen was able to establish with colleagues in many parts of the world and the wide acceptance and esteem accorded him within the internadonal scientific community.

It was inevitable that he

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should be the recipient of many honours and awards, arising mainly from the caesium standard but recognising also his sium standard that the way for- combine their efforts over three work with rubidium and hy-

drogen standards. Notable among them was the A.S. Popov Gold Medal of the USSR Academy of Sciences awarded in 1959 for outstanding work during 1956-58 in the field of scientific radio, the first such award to a foreign scien-tist. In the same year Essen was appointed OBE and in the fol-

lowing year elected to a Fellowship of the Royal Society, while his contributions to horology were recognised by societies of clock- and watch-makers on

his views.

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Philip Humphrey Vellacott, clas-

sical scholar, literary critic, broad-

caster and schoolmaster: born

Grays, Essex 16 January 1907;

married 1939 Nancy Agnew (one

Richard Luckett.

both sides of the Atlantic. In the academic field he was awarded higher degrees of London University in 1941 and 1948,

Louis Essen retired from NPL in 1972, but developments in the field of caesium standards which he set in train have conninued unabated with accuracies increasing by nearly a factor of ten in each decade. He would have been pleased to know that the fourth generation caesium apparatus at the Laboratory promises to continue that Surrey 24 August 1997.

progression and provide some 10,000-fold advance on the original standard of 1955.

J. McA. Steele

Louis Essen, physicist; born Nottingham 6 September 1908; joined the Notional Physical Laboratory 1929, Principal Sci-entific Officer 1956-60, Deputy Chief Scientific Officer 1960-72; OBE 1959; FRS 1960; married 1937 Joan Greenhalth (two daughters); died Great Bookham,

Philip Vellacott

Philip Vellacott achieved the remarkable feat of translating all the surviving works of Aeschyhis and Euripides for the Penguin Classics, an enterprise which exactly suited his dedication to the popularisation of classical culture, and to the

He was born in 1907; his father was a chartered accountant. a member of the Plymouth Brethren, who was subsequently ordained into the Presbyterian Church, a vocation which Philip himself hriefly followed, and which led him to four years of social work in Poplar during the depression.

Six contented years of his childhood were spent in Cambridge; after several moves the settled in Willesden, and Vellacott won a scholarship to St Paul's, from which he went, by a traditional transition. to Magdalene College, Cambridge. There his contempo-raries included Michael Ramsey, subsequently Archhishop of Canterbury, and William Empson, the poet and literary critic. Neither of them were his close friends, but both influenced his work, and together they illustrate

the strange mixture of conformity and non-conformity that annealed in Magdalene after the

Vellacott read classics under Stanley Vernon-Jones, and Vernon-lones's teaching is directby reflected in Vellacott's justly celebrated text-book, Writing in Latin (1970, written with D.P. Simpson); where the Eng-lish subjects chosen are as remarkable as the translations. Vellacott took a double First in the Tripos.



profits of the Elizabethan

In the Thirties it became apparent that his career lay in teaching; he lectured briefly at Liverpool University, then taught at schools in Dungannon. and Stockport, before finally being induced to follow his Stockport headmaster to Alleyn's ollege, Dulwich As a long-time member of the

Peace Pledge Union he was able to obtain exemption from military service, but he and his wife, Nancy Agnew, whom he had married in the summer of 1939, were rigorous in voluntary war work. The Second World War also added to his duties at Alleyn's, in addition to teachmg Latin and Greek he coped with English and music, as well as having a special responsibility for the Dulwich College Mission in Camberwell When, after the war, his range of teaching diminished, he devoted himself to drama in the school, which after all owed its

In 1967 he decided to retired to the house he had bought in Euripides, a wild card, didn't a particularly radiant corner of Radnorshire. The previous 12 sis, antithesis, and synthesis, to acknowledge the help that he norshire 24 August 1997.

years had seen the publication of the Penguin translations (and frequently their hroadcasts) and he was now anxious to systematise the thoughts that had emerged from his close engagement with the texts of so many plays. The results were, to say the least, surprising

Originally developed through lectures given at universities in ment" was a ludicrous misthree books, Sophocles and Oedipus (1971); Ironic Drama: a study of Euripides (1975); and The Logic of Tragedy morals and integrity in Aeschylus's "Oresteia" (1984). There subsequently followed privately printed pamphlets.

The theme of all these was irony. In his introductions to the Penguin translations Vellacott had adopted the traditional view, through German theory, enunciated by Schlegel and sysexistence in large measure to the "tematised by Hegel. He saw the . Attic playwrights as advancing and supporting the new Athenian order, their dramas (though quite fit the hill) based on the-

gradually moving Greece towards the best of all possible worlds. This conservative reading had been inclined to echo lines of the Bible and of Shake-. speare when parallels occurred.

But, latterly, he devastating-abandoned this orthodoxy. He saw the "civic" conclusion of The Eumenides as hitterly satirical. He felt, without being the United States (his "retire- in the least influenced by modern feminism; that Aeschylus nomes) they turned intn. and Euripides had views about the position of women wholly at variance with the society in which they lived, although closely related to its earlier, shamefully abandoned, beliefs. His views received most com-

monly scant, less commonly sharp notice, and he came increasingly to believe that he was a victim of the "classical establishment". This was hardly likely; the "classical establishment" had been on the run for years, dependent, when it could re-group and reestablish itself, nn just such publications as Vellacott's Penuin translations. son, one adopted son, two daugh-He would have been the first (ers); died Frankbridge, Radguin translations.

Jeremy Griffiths had received from Professor

Jeremy Griffiths was one of the Hugh Lloyd-Jones in estabthe most colourful and engaglishing the Greek text from which he translated Menaning figures in English manuscript studies. His death cuts short a career of great, if largeder's newly discovered Dyscolas. and from Professor Charles Sely unfulfilled, promise. gal in his work on Euripides. But But there were substantial

when he found his voice about achievements, particularly the Athenian tragedy it was, rightournal English Manuscripts ly or wrongly, largely ignored, despite the forcefulness and Studies 1100-1700, which he founded in 1990 with Peter clarity with which he presented Beal and which has come to provide a crucial link hetween In person he was slim, erect. medieval and renaissance manquizzical and tenacious. He uscript study. Equally important was a resolute walker, and a was the collaborative history pianist of professional compe-Book Production and Publishing in Britain 1375-1475 (1989) tence who knew the entire Art of Fugue by heart, if at a which he co-edited with Derek Pearsall, the first major comrather steady pace. He had Shakespeare virtually word for word. His sister Elisabeth prehensive study of this period and already established as a is a distinguished artist, sever-

standard work. Griffiths was born in 1955 and educated at Canford School, Dorset, and Learnington College. In 1973 he went up to Bangor to read English, graduating in 1976 with a First and the John F. Danby Memorial Prize. He stayed on to complete an MA and then went up to Oxford in 1977 to begin research for a DPhil on 15thcentury English manuscript pro-duction. He quickly established himself as a figure of precocious authority, particularly gifted at identifying scribal hands and keenly interested in English

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saw in the former Communist pave a number of provocative scholarly papers during this period; but they, like his thesis, recountries in Eastern Europe, and on his return to Chile in 1992 set about teaching sociolmain unpublished at his death. In the early 1980s he was emogy once more in Universidad ployed as a lecturer at Lincoln and then St John's College, Oxde Chile and writing theoredcal articles not only on the history but on the futuure of ford. In 1984 he became lecturer at Birkbeck College, London; he On his death, the Chilean held this position until 1988. For some time before this he had government declared three days of mourning. At his funeral, the been engaged in buying and selling manuscripts and acting as ad-Chilean armed forces gave a viser to various individuals and person they had shot at, imdealers. In 1988 he resigned to hecome a freelance manuscript consultant and entrepreneur. He had brief incarnadons as a publisher and dealer in prints and towards the end of his life managed his father's engineering firm. In many ways his instincts were those of the ary 1923; married Irma Coceres

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Britain, 1940; the Allies landed at

Salerno, on the mainland of Italy, and

the Italian government surrendered, 1943; the Federation of Rhodesia and

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from left to right, 1967; the spacecraft l'iking 2 landed on Mars and sent

back photographs to the Earth. 1976

Today is the Feast Day of St Aigulf or Ayoul of Lerins, St Cuthburga, St

Gregory the Great. St Hildelitha, St

Macanisius, St Phoebe, St Remachus



world of academe too seriously

The range of Griffiths' interests was so wide - they included a stint as war correspondent in Bosnia for the Independent - that his scholarly career inevitably suffered There were a handful of excellent articles in scholarly journals, a couple of introductions to facsimiles and a few reviews. More substantial undertakings remained incomplete at his death. notably the collaborative Catalogue of the Manuscripts of John Gower's Confessio Amontis which he had in hand with Kate Harris and Derck Pearsall. He also left incomplete catalogues of the medieval manuscripts at St John's College. Oxford and at Holkham Hall in Norfolk.

Jeremy Griffiths was never simply an academic. The diversity of his interests was matched by an equally wideranging gift for friendship. The affection he inspired came from the generous concern he always showed and the unforced generosity of his hospitality, always huttressed by his love of good food and wine. In scholarly terms he had a gift for asking the right questions. If he did not always stay to answer them he usually could prompt someone to do so. His company was constant stimulus, both intellectually and personally.

Anthony Edwards Jeremy John Griffiths, manuscript consultont; born Aberdare. Glamorgan 5 June 1955: married

Clodomiro Almeyda

The Chilean politician Clodomiro Almeyda was one of those who thought with Salvador Allende that Chile could discover its own "parliamentary road to socialism". Almeyda, who was vice-president during Allende's Popular Unity govern-ment from 1970 to 1973, suffered jail and exile for his beliefs. But he lived to see the Chilean Socialist Party he had devoted his life to helping to rebuild an increasingly confident democracy in Chile.

Almeyda was born in the Chilean capital in 1923. He studied law and philosophy. and became a member of the Socialist party. In 1952 he was brought into the Carlos Ibanez government, first as minister of Labour, then minister for Mining. As the Ibanez government

quickly resigned and was elected a parliamentary member for the capital in the mid-1950s. From then until the end of the next decade, he occupied different positions in the party hierarchy, and consistently opposed the Christian Democratic governments and their modest attempts at political and social reform.

By 1970, when the Popular Unity government was formed under the presidency of Salvador Allende, Almeyda had helped make the Socialist Party a committed Marxist grouping, al-though like Allende, he sought parliamentary rather than revolutionary means of bringing so-cialism to Chile. Under Allende, Almeyda served as vice-president, and as foreign and defence ministers, proving himself one became more repressive, he of the president's most loyal sup-

in the presidential palace on 11 September 1973 when it was bombed by the insurgents under General Augusto Pinochet, and was taken prisoner. He was first sent to the interument camp on Dawson Island in the Tierra del Fuego archipelago, before being allowed to leave Chile for exile first in East Germany and later in Mexico, where he took up his teaching career

As the struggle against General Pinochet's regime intensi-fied in the mid-1980s, Almeyda decided he must return to Chile. As soon as he arrived at Santiago airport, he was arrested and sent into internal exile in the far south of the country. Following widespread protests in Chile and internationally, he was eventually al-

porters. He was at Allende's side lowed back to the capital, and returned to political activity. Still a Marxist, he headed a faction of the Socialist party which supported the use of violence as a means of getting rid of Gen-eral Pinochet, but by 1989 accepted the re-unification of the party and its support of a multi-party campaign to defeat Pinochet through a referen-dum and subsequent elections.

Those elections saw the Christan Democrat Patricio Aylwin coming to office as the first civilian leader in Chile for 20 years. Almeyda was rewarded by being named ambassador to Moscow, just at the moment when the Soviet Union was disintegrating and socialism there was crumbling. Almeyda paid one of his past debts by personally helping the former head of East Germany Erich



Almeyda: socialism in Chile

Honecker leave his country and spend his last days with his

daughter in Chile.
Clodomiro Almeyda was typically not dismayed by what he

prisoned and forced out of the country, all the military honours due to a vice-president of the Nick Caistor Clodomiro Almeyda, politician: born Santiago, Chile 11 Febru-

(one son); died Santiago 25 Au-

pendence came to an end after Britain and the US signed Treaty of

Paris, 1783; Bartholomew Fair, dat-

socialism in Chile.

Lectures National Gattery: Mari Griffith, "Seurat (1): the late figure paintings".

(marriage dissolved); died Oxford

drew Spira, "Reliquaries and Pil-grimages", 2.30pm.

Royal Society, Carlton House Terrace. London SWI: tJohn Collier Memorial Lecture) Roben Hawley. "Clean Energy for the 2tst Century",

and St Simeon Stylites the Younger.

The University Women's Club yesterday held a special dinner at Au diey Square, London W1. The speaker was Baroness P.D. James, who talked on the subject of "Mur-

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS The Duke of York visits the Royal Navy and Brirish Army Equipment Exhibition at

. Changing of the Guard The Household Cavelry Mounted Regi-ment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, 11am.

BIRTHS

FRAYLING: On 22 August 1997, to Ann (née Ager) and Ian, a daughter, Eve Marie. With special thanks to all con-cerned at the Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead.

DEATHS

PLAYFAIR: Dr Alexander Sedgwick, suddenly in hospital, on 29 August aged 83, loved husband of Margaretta. Funeral Thursday 4 September 2pm, Cambridge Crematorium, West Chapel. No flowers, but donations to Ainnesty International c/o H. Williams Funeral Directors, 7 Victoria Park, Cambridge 01223 359480.

lowing a stroke, Dorothy Maud-Precee (née Banner), aged 90 years. Widow of Professor Isaac Arthur Precee of the Heriot-Watt College, Edinburgh and mother of Donald and

PRECE: On 2 September 1997 fol-

Announcements for Gazette BIRTHS,

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Birthdays Mr Geoff Arnold, cricketer, 53; Air

commander, Sultan of Oman's Air Porce, 69; Dr Clare Burstall, psychologist and educationist, 66; Miss Pauline Collins, actress, 57; Mr Michael Connarty MP, 50; Professor Raymond Cowell, Vice-Chancellor, Nottingham Trent University, 60; Dr Francis Duffy, chairman, DEGW International, 57; The Hon James Elles MEP. 48: Mr Nick Gibb MP, 37; Professor Peter Goddard, Master, St John's College, Cambridge, 52; Mrs Teresa Gorman MP, 66; The Rev Anthony Harbottle, former chaplain to the Queen, 72; Mr Nicky Horne, disc jockey, 47; Mr Graham Kentfield, chief cashler, Brnk of England, 57; Mr Brian Lochort, ragby player, 57; Professor Alison Lucie, water and professor of English at Cornell University, 71; Mr Richard McCor-

Marshal Sir Erik Bennett, former

mac, architect and former president, Royal Institute of British Architects, 59: Sir Michael Neubert, former MP, 64; Mr John Orr, chief constable, Strathclyde, 52; Sir Mark Russell, chairman, Commonwealth Institute, Scotland, and former diplomat, 68; Mr Gaston Thorn, former prime minister of Luxembourg, 69.

Anniversaries

Births: Pietro Locatelli, violinist and composer, 1695; Mauhew Boulton, engineer, 1728; Joseph Wright, painter, 1734; John Francis, scalptor, 1780; James Joseph Sylvester, mathematician, 1814; Ernst Pasque, baritone, composer and novelist, 1821; Louis Henry Sullivan, architect. 1856; Jean-Joseph Marie-Auguste Jaurès, socialist writer and speaker, 1859; Marcel Grandjany, composer, 1891; Cecil Parker (Cecil Schwabe). actor, 1897; Sir Frank Macfarlane

Burnet immunologist, 1899; Alan Ladd, film actor, 1913. Deaths: Oliver Cromwell, Lord Protector, 1658; Ivan Sergeyevich Thrgeney, play-wright, 1883; Sir Arthur Streeton, printer, 1943; e.e. cummings (Edward Estlin Cummings), poet, 1962; Frederick Louis MacNiece, poet and playwright, 1963; Ho Chi Minh, president of North Vietnam, 1969; Frederic Dannay, novelist (one-half of the team called "Ellery Queen"). 1982; Arthur Schwartz, popular com-poser, 1984; Frank Capra, writer and film director, 1991. On this day: the Bartle of Dunbar was fought, when Cromwell defeated the Scots, 1650; Oliver Cromwell defeated the Royalist troops at the Battle of Worcester, 1651; Richard Cromwell became Lord Protector of England, 1658; the Gregorian calendar was introduced, replacing the Julian, when 3rd September became 14th September, 1752; the American War of Inde-

ing from 1123, was proclaimed at Smithfield, London, for the last time, 1855; the Royal British Bank failed, with debts of over £500,000, 1856; the Afghans massacred the members of the British legation in Kabul, 1879; the Princess Alice, a pleasure boat, collided with the Bywell Castle and sank in the Thames with the less of over 650 lives, 1878; the French government was removed to Bordeaux, 1914; Santo Domingo, in the Dominican Republic, was destroyed and 5,000 killed when a hurricane hit the city, 1930; Sir Malcolm Campbell set up a land speed record of 301.13 mph, 1935; Great Britain and France declared war on Germany, 1939; the Germans torpe-doed the liner Athenia off the Irish coast, 1939; under the Lend-Lease

Dinners University Women's Club

der and Mystery, the craft of writing crime fiction". agreement, the LIS sent destroyers to

After a hard day at work, it's time to cast off the jeans and T-shirt and put on a much-loved suit. Tamsin Blanchard meets the men who dress up to relax. Photographs by Sheridan Morley



Street, London W1, and branches nationwide (enquiries 0116-284 9424); camel shirt, £39.95, brown tie, £45, both by Jigsaw Mens, Floral Street, London WC2, Kings Street, Manchester, East Street, Brighton (enquiries

Right: Chocolate pinstripe suit, £295, by Jigsaw, as before; chocolate brown shirt, £45 by French Connection, Regent Street, London W1. Eden Walk, Kingston (enquires 0171-399 7200); chocolate and cream tie, £55 by Dolce & Gabbana, available from Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, London SW3; black leather shoes, £44.99, by Next, as before

Out of the office, into the suit

see their two lapels, three buttons and matching trousers as a rigid uniform for thankless days of nine-to-five toil. Others take a more enlightened view. Men who don't have to wear a suit as part of a daily uniform are often the ones who enjoy wearing one as a form of dressing up. A great suit can be the male equivalent of a hallgown. Dominic Butler, a 30-year-old

graphic designer, says he doesn't wear a suit to work because it wouldn't be come straight from the office. comfortable. He wears jeans, trainers and casual shirts. Nevertheless, he is the proud owner of four suits, one from Agnes B. one from Jigsaw, an old one from Cerruti, and - his most recent buy - a two-piece made to his own design by a tailor in Bangkok. He wishes he had had more made. "It's got a short jacket, short lapels, and narrow trousers in wool, and I'm looking forward to wearing it for winter," he says,

Butler wears his suits to weddings, posh dinners and launch parties, and on Valeatine's Day. It is a way of showing off, taking on a different persona

to his everyday look.

Sieve Wood, a 30-year-old engineer, lowes wearing a suit, but practicalities dictate that he wears jeans and a T-shirt to work. He has an eye for a second-hand Forties drape suit with narrow trousers and lapels. "Those old suits change your shape," he says. "They make your legs look really narrow, and if I wear creepers with it I look slimmer and taller."

His favourite suits include a green tartan bondage suit by Vivienne Westwood, bought in the early Eighties and still worn and loved. He is in the process of having an old 1950s suit copied by a Soho tailor in mohair.

Steve Wells, a 31-year-old product development scientist who works in the United States, says it is frowned upon in big corporations like his to wear a suit and tie to work. "Business dress means a shirt and tie," he says, "If you wear a suit, it's considered that you are trying to outdo everyone: you're trying to be the vice-president. If you forget that it's casual Friday and come in a suit, you really stand out. People think, Who does he think he is?" "

Wells's four suits include two by Emporio Armani, one by Next and a shiny tonic suit by Katharine Hamnett. He says he would spend up to £700 on

ou don't need to Innk a suit. His most recent Emporio one square in a suit. Some men cost £550.

"A suit makes you look expensive," he says. "I like having a suit fitted on me. You know that it really fits prop-erly. Everything is exactly right."

He wears his suits to go out at night, if he is going to a dinner or party. "I could wear the Emporio suit to an interview or out to something smart without feeling stiff. If it is tailored softly, it looks relaxed and cool. If the suit is stiff and pinstriped, there's a danger you could look like you've

"The Hamnett is more the kind of thing you'd wear to a glamorous party. I think it's the equivalent of a woman putting on an evening dress - men are more limited. We can only wear a shirt and trousers, but if you wear a suit you look like you're going to something special."

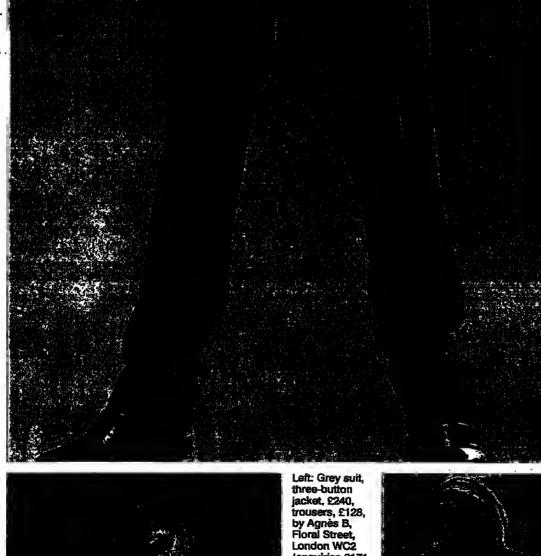
There are strict rules to wearing a suit and many men like to follow certain codes. "Really cheap nasty shoes spoil a suit, while patterned or lightcoloured socks can throw it com-

pletely," Dominic Butler warns.
"Shoes are really important. I stick in the classics, like a good pair of Oxfords. Never trainers."

The right tie and belt are also important. And wearing the right suit for your body shape is another obvi-ous rule. If you are short, you should avoid anything double-breasted and steer clear of longer line jackets. If you are tall and thin, you can get away with virtually anything. Narrow hips can wear flat-fromed trousers; long legs and you can wear the new wide-legged trousers that menswear designers are pushing for this season and next.

The best rule is in shop around and try on as many different shapes of trousers and jackets as you can. Don't be afraid to be a bit wild with your shirt and tie. And don't lel some shop assistanı bat her eyelids at you and tell you you look amazing. Check all views in a mirror, especially the way the jacket hangs at the back and how your bot-

tom looks in the trousers. And just because you happen to be going to a wedding the next day. never huy a suit on impulse. You can guarantee you'll never wear it again and you'll feel like a stuffed shirt ou the day. Don't think "office" and "pinstripe". Loosen your tie, take off those glasses, let down your hair and





(enquiries 0171-379 1992); navy shirt, £45, by French Connection, as before; navy tie, £55, by Duchamp, available from Harrods, Knightsbridge, London SW3, Jenners, Princes Street, Edinburgh; black shoes, by Next, as before Right: Navy

blue suit, threebutton singlebreasted jacket, £225, flatfronted trousers, £125, by PS from Paul Smith, purple shirt, £95, cotton stripe tie. £45, all by Paul Smith, Floral Street, London

Stylist: Sophia Neophitou Model: Steve Wilson at Models One



Update

School uniforms without the itches

Back-to-school uniform shopping can be a nightmare. Everybody has bad memories of their own school uniforms, writes Tamsin Blanchard. Wearing it was shameful enough, but having to spend a day each August—when there were far more interesting things to do, such as going to the beach or bouncing on a space hopper in the garden—trying on shirts, blazers and horrible box pleat skirts was too much to take. I remember being dragged around John Lewis and Marks & Spencer, sulking at the thought of wearing a shirt and tie and an acrylic V-neck immer over the top.

thought of wearing a shirt and the and all actylic veneck jumper over the top.

No doubt remembering their own school days, those clever fibre technologists at Courtailds have had school-children in mind this autumn. They promise they have taken the itch out of school jumpers with a new, improved fibre, called Courtelle. It is still good old acrylic to you and me, hat re-engineered to improve its "easy wear, easy care' properties. It is also softer. Unlike the old-style acrylic, new-generation Courtelle knitwear is designed to retain its shape after machine washing and not go hitty and knobbly after a week's wear. Gone are the days of shaving your jumper to get rid of the bobbles. Look out for the Courtelle label at John Lewis and other children's



Armani opens in Bond Street

On a more glamorous note, Giorgio Armani is continuing the onward march of the world's designers opening flagship stores in London. The doors, this Monday, is the first ever sleek, urban Collezioni Giorgio Armani store on Bond Street. This is a shop designed to cater for the business community rather than to fashion

luvvies. If you are an Armani fan, this is the ultimate one-stop shop. Not only can you buy your corporate wardrobe, have the suit altered to fit and couriered to your office (for a small fee) in double-quick time, you can buy a suit for £595 (below right) from the men's Le Collezioni label (formerly White Label), and one for women for £495 by

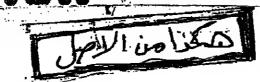
Mani (top right). The store will also be offering a service look books will be taken into companies so you can shop while yon work. Collezioni stores

will be opening around the world as the year progresses, with Manchester opening by the end of the year and Glasgow planned for 1998. Also on sale will be accessories and two sportswear ranges: Neve for high-flying skiers and Golf for those all-important business deals on the

fairway.
Collezioni Giorgio Armani opens Monday at 43 New Bond Street, London W1; enquiries 0171-491 9888







If only the royals dared weep with the people

Britain is becoming less British.
The displays of grief and anger about the death of Diana have been not only mass, but impassioned. florid as well as floral, public not private. There has been crying, shouting - open displays of emotion, not private reflection. This is not how the nation popularly supposed itself to behave; we are meant to be a people of gritted teeth, suppressed feelings and stiff upper lips. The great mounds of flowers – and why, by the way, do we leave them wrapped m Cellophane, not properly open? - the clipped-out photographs from magazines, the piled teddy bears, the poems and pen messages, and the snaking, loudly conversing crowds outside the palaces ... all this seems somehow foreign to the received images of the British in public sorrow. Traditionally we think of the grave, silent faces at the Cenotaph, of military processions and of the dignified but repressed and dutylined expressions at Establishment funerals or memorial services. Compared to that buttoned-up nation, the current torrents of grief over the dead Princess seem American, or even somehow Neapolitan.

The change in public behaviour is neatly caught by the reported difference of opinioo between Buckingham Palace and Tony Blair's circle at Downing Street over the right way to lay Diana to rest. All the instincts of the Windsor family seem to have been traditional,

with the emphasis sombre, dignified and vaguely military. They come from a class, as well as a family, sternly schooled in public reticence; from a culture in which it is a weakness to break down in front of strangers. The Prime Minister has consciously decided, it seems, to speak for another and younger strain in British public behaviour, which rather approves of tearfulness and finds mounds of flowers and notes moving and appropriate, rather than maudlin or common. The difference is seen in the debate about how much leeway should be given for vast crowds of ordinary people to feel involved in the funeral; who should be invited to the Abbey; and whether soldiers should be prominent in the event, or people from charities patronised by Diana. It is likely that the discussions have not been as sharp or as divided as malice reports; nevertheless, some difference of tone and instinct seems to have emerged.

If so, it is a poignant and important distinction, which says much about the task of royalty at the end of this century. It is easy to see a repressive, Victorian hauteur in the Windsors' reliance on sombre pageantry which contrasts not only with Diana's thoroughly contemporary tastes, but also with the instincts of the millions of her mourners. They have learnt to let it all hang out. They are not ashamed of tears and have built flimsy, touching shrines which would have meant vastly more to her than which embarrassed the Windsors and



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ceremonial guards or intoning archbishops. They would not have sent their hereaved sons to ordinary Sunday church services. Their emotional expectations are a world away from the selfdeprecating and contorted dignity of the Prince of Wales or the amazing, iron self-discipline of his mother, who seems almost like an ancient Roman matriarch, stern-faced and unfaltering as the family tragedies pile up around her.

The people are not, it seems, like that any more. That was why, after all, so many loved Diana: the same confessional tone and readiness to admit fault

their friends so intensely was what made her, to millions, "one of us". She drew little smiley faces in biro on chil-dren's plaster casts, and enjoyed the corny jokes, horoscope readings and ready, hug-generous behaviour of her most substantial group of mourners. The less hung-up sections of British society, including ethnic minority Diworshippers, gays and teenagers, have been prominent in the response. But so have millions of the stolid centre of Middle Britain.

To those brought up in the old ways of the British upper-middle classes (and

is, in truth, a little cringe-making. But beyond the reach of official control or the word "old" in the previous sentence is at least as important as the class element. Diana, after all, was hardly a proletarian infant. She goes to rest in an impeccably aristocratic family chapel. What distinguished her from Charles was not class but age: she was a child of the post-Sixties global culture. He, on the other hand, is in many ways – and given his education this is no exaggeration - still the child of Edwardian values. There is absolutely no doubt which of them the vast majority of the British people identify with. And there is absolutely no doubt that this presents the monarchy with a genuine dilemma. If the princes grow up more like their father than their mother, the people, who have changed so much already, will not recognise them as belonging to the same country.

We applaud the louder, more emotional and sentimental sorrow, the Neapolitan style of the mourning streets. The inclusive and democratic nature of the response would have been everything she hoped for as "Queen of hearts". It feels curiously positive and properly cathartic, as a sombre state funeral or a muted private grieving, would not have done. Modern Britain knows that, unBritish or not, it is good to cry. The heaped flowers, even with their Cellophane, are intensely moving. So are the crowds. This is the simple "uppers" too), much of this clearly becoming a populist event, far

the carefully graded rituals of monarchy. It is growing, not shrivelling. It is only a little hyperbolic to describe the mourning of Diana as a kind of emotional revolution of the streets - St James's Palace being stormed in an utterly polite but insistent way by those determined to queue through the night to express their grief. This is an unthreatening revolution, except to the Household Gods of the stiff-upper-lips. We do not mock them. The traditions of repression and self-control are linked to those of duty and sacrifice, and are therefore admirable too; perhaps as a country we have lost a certain national dignity that became us.

Be that as it may, we have moved on. and returned in spirit to the more raucous and sentimental nation we were before Victoria's reign. That is part of the meaning of what has happened in the past few days. We hope the Wind-sors and their advisers are watching the mood on the streets and learning from it. What would really do the monarchy good, and show that they had grasped the lesson of Diana's popularity, would be for the Queen and the Prince of Wales to break down, cry and hug one another on the steps of the Abbey this Saturday. That such an event is unthinkable shows how great is the gap between the people mourning "their" princess. and the Royal Family to which she never, quite, belonged.

• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

Tougher laws against drink driving

Sir: I have lived and worked in Paris for eight months now and was therefore not particularly surprised to hear that the death of the Princess of Wales was the result of

I discovered not long after moving here that drink driving was a completely acceptable part of the French life style. The consumption of wine at an ordinary meal time is not considered to impair driving skills. At parties, or just an evening out with friends, drinking and driving is accepted or even laughed at as people pile into cars at the end

I have even been ridiculed by my and taking a taxi. This culturally acceptable drink driving is further encouraged by the fact that the French police do very little to stop it. For example, a friend of mine was stopped recently for driving in a hus lane at around midnight. He bad drunk at least half a bottle of wine. The smell of alcohol must have been evident on his breath, but at no point did the police

The driver of Princess Diana's car probably did not consider himself drunk or even a risk to others on the road. Furthermore. those who worked at the Ritz, who knew he had been drinking, would

Sir. Since it is now apparent that the driver of the car in which the Princess of Wales was killed was both drunk and speeding, perhaps those whose immediate and unthinking reaction was to call for a crackdown on the press would consider it more appropriate to demand tougher laws on drinking and driving instead?
JON PARRY-MCCULLOCH
Stowmarket, Suffolk

Sir: What more fitting epitaph for Princess Diana than a worldwide introduction of drinking and driving legislation with a zero blood alcohol level. **ROS BEESON**

Sir: From the pictures we have seen of the fateful tunnel in Paris there is nothing present to prevent a headon collision with the support pillars.

Perhaps the French authorities could now look at their road design standards.

CICURRELL

Sir: I write as a man ashamed to call himself human after hearing the eye witness accounts of the

Talk of life imitating art. David Cronenberg's film Crash was despised for its delving into the imagination to such a level of depravity as to be regarded by many as unacceptable. Yet, here we bave in life, in three dimensional

drink driving ("Killed by drunk driving, not fame", 2 September).

friends for making a stand against it question or breathalyse him.

not have given it a second thought.

I do not hlame French people for their drink driving habits, but I do feel that if the authorities and police were tougher on offenders and produced some hard hitting advertising campaigns similar to those shown in Britain, perhaps the situation would improve. JANE WILLOCK

London SW18

Any such tunnel in Britain would be provided with horizontal crash barriers to deflect any vehicle likely

to leave the carriageway.

St. Albans, Hertfordshire

tragic death of the Princess of

reality, a scene that the likes of J G last two days, criticised the role of

Ballard and David Cronenberg could never have created: the depraved scramble over the still warm and twisted wrecked Mercedes for the ultimate image of the world's most photographed DOMINICK REYNTIENS London SW8

Sir: The Princess of Wales succeeded in making complex issues understandable and therefore people believed they had a role in resolution. This is particularly so of Aids and land mines where she risked criticism by

taking direct action. The Oslo Conference may lead to a treaty and it could prove to be a fitting memorial to Diana. More than anything else it needs to focus on the real facts, not political perceptions and commercial implications but the core humanitarian

In 64 countries around the world there are an estimated I 10 million unexploded land mines. Land mines kill 800 people a month. A large proportion are children. Most mines are not charted or

mapped. They move positions due t floods, landslides etc. As they age they become more sensitive. The estimated cost of treatment for live victims is more than £2,000. Clearing each mine costs a quarter of this.

The Princess was asking why we have all created this situation which is intolerable and yet totally capable of being stopped and, with commitment, hanned for ever. DAVID H W GRUBB Executive Director Children's Aid Direct

Sir: Arc all those who have, in the

certain parts of the press and media, now going to avoid buying the relevant publications? Criticism is easy to formulate hut, as with most ethical and moral questions, strong words become mere empty gestures without consequent and congruent actions.
The Rev MARY J VICKERS

Sir: It's a simple matter. Make invasion of privacy by whatever means a tort, like libel, with the burden of proof on the intruded upon, and the public interest a defence for those who intrude. The case could be tried before a jury who could fix damages according to the pain suffered by the plaintiff and the gain sought by the defendant. Publishers and editors, or anyone who derives secondary benefit, could be sued as well as those who commit the primary wrong.
JEREMY WALKER

Fleet, Hampshire

London SW17

Sir: For the record, ITN did not "close down until GMTV went on the air" as reported in your article (1 September) on the television news coverage of the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. In fact, ITN was on air on ITV with updates and extensive coverage from our first news report at 1.57am until 6am. Specifically, we were on the air from before the announcement of the death of the Princess of Wales right through until the start of GMTV. RICHARD TAIT Editor-in-Chief, ITN

Challenging Catholic celibacy

Sir: It is heartening that alcoholism and paedophilia among the clergy are being recognised by the Catholic Church structures (report 27 August), but the philosophy of the Stroud reformatory for Catholic priests of hreaking everyone who is sent there by using "boot camp" style methods is unacceptable. Especially as "patients" include those who are not in either of those categories but normal well-adjusted men who

need time to think about their lives.

This tragedy highlights the situation of many men and women who are trapped by the church law of compulsory celibacy which forces a man to choose between the woman he loves and priesthood. As a support group for women in relationships with Catholic priests, we know of numerous relationships in which this dilemma is part of everyday life. Most of the men concerned will not admit to or talk about their relationships to their hishops when they know that they

will be treated as if perverted and threatened with Stroud. The church law of compulsory celibacy, which has no foundation in scripture or theology should be challenged by all Catholics who recognise that priesthood and marriage are not incompatible, as . shown by the church's acceptance into the Catholic priesthood of married former Anglican clergy. LYNNE EDWARDS Seven-Eleven, Covenary

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'Impossible' to be | Consultant's time MP and MEP

OF COURSE-I DON'T BUY THEM MYSELF

Sir: I write with reference to the letters by Bob Russell, MP for Colchester (25 August) and Anne McIntosh, MP for the Vale of York and MEP for Essex North and Suffolk South (30 August). I'm afraid they are both being a little

disingenuous. Firstly, while it may be true that abour Parliamentarians have in the past exercised a dual mandate, it has not been possible for sometime. Nearly seven years ago Labour Party Conference banned the practice on the grounds it was impossible to do the two

adequately.
Secondly, as for the comment that more than two years is a short transitional period, all I can say is that many of my unemployed constituents would only be too grateful for such a job and length of contract.

However Boh Russell should clarify the position of the Liberal Party. Io the past both David Steel and Russell Johnson stood as MEPs while sitting in the House of commons.

Is this now banned or will we see a litter of the surprised Liberal rictors from 1 May doing the chicken-run on to the new regional lists in 1999 saying that after all three years is only a short

GLYN FORD MEP (Greater Manchester East, Lab) Mossley,

is fully utilised Sir: Phil Hammond's jibes at

consultant surgeons (Tabloid, 2 September) were pretty gratuitous cheap shots.

Easy stereotypes can be made of

any profession, and will be wrong 95 per cent of the time. Of my 14 allocated hours of routine operating time, which is fully utilised, I am obliged to use a portion to train junior surgeons. Hammond also conveniently forgets outpatient clinics, ward rounds, emergency work. correspondence etc.

The only reason my waiting list went up by four months last year was because there weren't enough beds to admit any routine cases during the winter crisis. The debate on how the NHS is run deserves netter than this from someone who professes to tell it like it is. NEIL HULTON FRCS Consultant Surgeon The Royal Oldham Hospital

A night out for a shilling

Sir: "Prices ain't wot they used to be," you report ("How the pound in your pocket took a pounding", 29 August).

This reader, unemployed in Watford circa 1937, enjoyed a night out on a shilling (5p), 2d for a packet of five Woodhines, 2d for a half-pint of beer, 6d for an evening's baliroom dancing with 2d left over. Cap that. **GILTAYLOR** Leicester

TV nation needs therapy

Sir: Yes, yes, yes, each Thursday you have "Film, Film, Film", each Friday "Music, Music, Music". It is very public-spirited of you to cover these minority interests at such length, but when are you going to give equivalent space to what every man-jack of the population devotes hours every day to? Apart from employing far and away the hest televisioo critic m the land, you dedicate very little

Television is no longer at a crossroads. Choices have been made and it is cantering happily downhill. Documentary slots have largely been usurped by cheap clipcollations about the emergency services. Arts programmes have become mere puff pieces for films and records. And drama - always the most popular strand of television's output - has fewer and fewer notable exceptions to the

unremitting cop-show. Television is the expression of our national psyche and it is in need of independent therapy. CLIVE EXTON London NI

Sir: Your report on the popular BBC children's TV programme, Teletubbies, has left me outraged "Teletubbies to get grown-up help with their baby talk", 25 August). My four-year-old granddaughter, who lives abroad, recently spent a two-week boliday with us and the highlight of the day was watching together the delightful and refreshing Teletubbies show. As an educator and one time

children's teacher myself, I find the programme to be one of the most entertaining and well produced children's TV shows that I have seen for a long time. I find the criticism handed down by the selfappointed so-called educational 'experts" to be utterly ridiculous. It is ludicrous to imagine that any normal child's language development could be impaired by hearing the baby-talk of a Teletubby (any more than listening to the baby-talk of younger

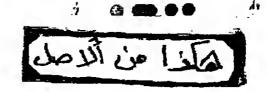
The BBC would be well advised to ignore these spurious criticisms which I ain sure are unrepresent-ative of the majority of British parents and to leave the programme in its present charming form. DENÎSE BARDAN

Too dirty to change a nappy

Sir: Last week I put my daughter and her two children aged two and four months on a train from Liskeard to Reading. She had reserved seats hut the way to the toilet was blocked by baggage and people. Nevertheless it was so filthy as to be unusable and there was no facility as there is in aircraft for changing a baby. Apologising profusely she had to change the baby in front of other passengers while they chewed their sandwiches.

The train was one hour late. We learnt this week that our train fares are three times the world average and, for cleanliness and punctuality, compare very unfavourably with the SNCF and the Swiss trains.

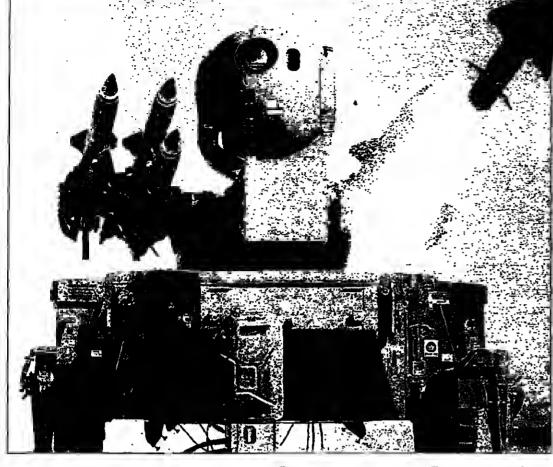
If politicians, ministers and businessmen bad to travel second class with small children rather than by themselves in half-empty first class compartments, I think changes would soon be made. Canon PAUL GODDARD Polruan-by-Fowey, Cornwall



still tie med at market

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The Farnborough 'defence exhibition' is meant for the trade, but Fran Abrams infiltrated the serried ranks of uniformed men to make a few innocent inquiries about what those weapons are really for



What's a fighting vehicle, then?

alf an hour into my first arms fair sorry, defence exhibition – and I am starting to get the hang of it. "Now I see," I cry triumphantly, eyeing an armoured car with a viciouslooking turret, "So these aren't tanks because tanks have big

The PR man is starting to sweat a little. "Er. well ... these can have hig guns on them ..." he begins. Just at that moment one of his cotteagues appears at Itis other elbow, looking agitated. A half-whispered conversation ensues.

The PR turns back to me. faintly accusing, "We've been infiltrated," he says.

I can feel myself starting to look shifty. "Infiltrated?" I Yes," he explains, "Some

protester got in with a Relief floods over me - for a

horrible moment I thought I surrounded by concentric rings was about to be ejected for danwas about to be ejected for dangerous naïvety. I divert swiftly back to the matter in haod: to be honest, they still look like tanks to mc.

For those readers of The Independent who haven't actually been to an arms fair - there is no great shame in this, for security is tight - I will attempt to describe this week's Farninto a toy fair after drinking that stuff which made her shrink. Big, shiny machines are everywhere. Huge, clanking demonstrations are held, with tiny squaddies scrambling about over enormous pieces of metal. They look so real you can almost see the veins standing out on their reddening necks as they bawl orders to each other.

Stiff-backed foreign generals

officials and sharp-looking security men. They all wear little badges denoting their country of origin: Korea, China, Turkey. Exhibitors smile obsequiously as they stroke their best guns. This toy show is strictly for the boys - in fact. I'm just about the only woman in the place.

The important thing to borough show. Try to imagine remember about the machines how Alice in Wonderland would and widgets on display is that have felt if she had wandered most of them are not designed to harm people. And when they are, it's all so terribly, terribly exciting that it isn't nasty at all. Take the Apache attack helicopter, for example. Man-ufactured by GKN Westland, it can carry up to 16 missiles or 76

rockets, plus a machine gun.

It isn't very efficient if you want to kill people," explained the company's press man, Chris Loney, "But if you have a conwith lashings of gold hraid strut contration of hostile vehicles or hetween the exhibits, trucks it can be very useful." centration of hostile vehicles or

The company does bave Tactica comes in very handy for aggressive weapons systems, he pulling them out again. adds. "but they are not antipeople, they are anti-product.
Anti-ship, for example".
Or take the new armoured

car, which a sister company, GKN Defence, wants to build for the British, French and German armies.

"It's a utility vehicle rather than a fighting vehicle. It can be used as an ambulance, a people carrier, a command vehicle," explains the firm's bead of pub-(Command, by the way, means it carries people with more stripes on their arms.)

So what does 'mortar' mean?" I ask, glancing down at the vehicle's laminated notice. We establish that it can carry and fire mortars. "But you said it wasn't a fighting vehicle." I protest. "It's indirect rather than direct fighting," be exptains. I am bemused. It seems firing a mortar does not count as "fighting" because you point it into the air rather than

at a target.

Next to this prototype is the Tactica armoured vehicle. Today the Tactica is fetchingly attired as a jam hutty car, in the colours of the British military police. It is better known, though, as the vehicle whose export to Indonesia went ahead despite the Labour govern-ment's ethical defence policy. The Indonesians fit them with water cannon to fire pink chemicals at pro-democracy demonstrators, but they do bave other uses. For example, there are a lot of ravines over there and

pulling them out again.

Anyway, Mr Docherty explains, water cannoo aren't half as bad as the plastic bullet guns we use in Northern Ireland. "I know what I'd rather be hit by. I think I'd rather get wet," he says, without men-tioning pink ebemicals at all. Lovely as it is to spend an

hour or two mulling over the finer points of these beautiful beasts with their proud creators. I decide it is time to move

n a corner of the indoor exhibition ball is a stand which proudly displays a range of guns from pistols with "first shot potential" ("no man-ual safety elements to contend with") to full-scale anti-tank weapons. There are also a number of knives. The man in charge is not keen to talk. though. "I don't think we want any publicity," he says. "You're not one of those anti-gun people. are you?"

I explain that I am merely a humble reporter from The Independent. I seem to remember The Independent was pretty anti-gun around the time of Dunhlane," he sniffs, but he seems content to let it go. A few moments later he is happily lay-

ing out his wares.
Then I notice a poster advertising something called "BASTEG", a "barricade and street encounter grenade", and things take a turn for the worse. "I was hoping you wouldn't see that," he says, before going on to explain that they aren't drivers tend to crash their cars into them. Apparently, the designed to blow up blocks of

concrete and the like, and can be useful for "urban fighting". "If they were in Bosnia and were attacked by the Serbs. that sort of thing."

We move on to the smaller guns. On the counter by the display case there is a pile of leaflets advertising a gun for "sport and self-defense". I pick one up, but he snatches it from my hand. "I'd rather yoo didn't take those. We're a bit short." He hands it to his colleague, who puts It under the counter seem to be plenty to me," I say.

The thing is, he admits, the gun bas been banned for private use in this country since Hungerford. "So why have you got leaflets advertising it for 'sport and self-defease?" I ask. "We're a Swiss company," he replies, even though the leaflets are in English. Eventually be releats and gives me a different leaflet about the same gun. It "compact precision" with a fully automatic firing mode. conceived specifically for special forces and élite units".

By this time I am beginning to feel, as they say in Victorian novels, "a bittle queer". Is there anyone around bere who doesn't think Ethics is a place next to Thuffolk?

I feel much comforted when Simon Raynes, communications manager for British Aerospace, brings up the issue of human rights without me even having to mention it. It is in the air, of course, because BAe recendy completed the sale of 16 Hawk Jets to Indonesia. which has in the past been accused of using the planes in occupied East Timor.

business of government. We are not on the diplomatic or the political circuit and it would be quite improper for a company like ours to set its own rules, be explains. "At the end of the day we don't make a judgement. Of course, with our shareholder interests, if we feel there's an opportunity for responsible husiness, we will

other people competing. The Indonesians have only along with the rest. "There used the Hawks for training, be adds. "They have a role to look after Indonesia's interests, internally and externally."

I write all this down dutifully,

proceed. There are plenty of

ooting from the glossy brochure that BAe has two offices in Indonesia, and ask to see his weapons. These include the huge and impressive Millennium Gun and a thing called a Jernas, which I am surprised to learn is a "passive" weapon despite the fact that it is bristling with projectiles. There is also a new guided missile which the British are making with the French. It is fired off a ship and can be programmed to hit other ships miles away. The British were attacked by French-made Exocets a hit like these in the Falklands.

Things are beginning to become clear. Our allies sell weapons to our enemies, then they offer to team up with us so that we can make other weapons to defeat them with. The defence business looks more like a self-perpetuating global merry-go-round every minute. Back at home I decide to check this out. Are we making more arms every year? I

We feel that role is the already know that Britain's share of the world defence trade has more than doubled, to 25 per cent since 1988. In fact, we are the world's second biggest arms exporter. The industry employs tens of thousands of people.

But this is not the whole picnice. A recent report written by an academic for the Campaign Against the Arms Trade shows that between 1990 and 1994 the world market declined by 59 per cent. Britain's share went up because its exports declined by only 34 per cent, from \$5.1bn to \$3.4bn. The number of jobs directly linked to military exports bas fallen by 38 per cent since 1990, to 90,000. The truth is that the world defence mar-

ket is not booming at all. Meanwhile, the government continues to pump in money to keep the beast alive. In 1994 it spent just £350,000 supporting the construction industry, exports from which are worth £7.4bn. For the pharmaceutical industry, exports from which are worth £4.9bn, the govern-ment paid for just four full-time staff. By contrast, we spent more than £15m supporting £2.9bn of defence exports.

Much has been made of Robin Cook's new, whiterthan-white foreign policy, and of whether it will have an effect on defence sales. The debate has been polarised into one of ethics versus economics, but it is not so. On this one, the Government can win both the moral and the financial argument hy simply putting its hands in its pockets and keeping them there until a more deserving cause comes along.



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we have become so used to the idea of polytechnics being converted into universities (did I imagine it or did I hear a comedian on the radin the other day say, "according to Polly Toynbee, or Toynbee University as she now

is ... ?) that we have quite forgotten what the difference is. The only thing we can be sure of is that no university has ever wanted to become a polytechnic.

Similarly, we have become so inured to the spectacle of building societies turning themselves into banks (did I imagine it or did I hear a comedian on the radio the other day say that be could remember when Northern Rock was just another description of The Beatles?) that it comes as something of a surprise to learn that there are any building societies left

But there are still surprises left, and one of them is the news that the Rugby and Coventry Building Society is about to abandon its status as a building society and hecome a fully-fledged

deceive you.
"The Rugby and Coventry Building Society will cease trading as a building society as from midnight on 31 Aug and become a fully-fledged

university," read the press release which was handed out to press and media on 30 Aug 1997. Coinciding as it did with Princess Diana's death, at a time when no other news was allowed to infiltrate, the annuncement of this change

of status has had very little coverage. Indeed, I think I am the only newshound to have noticed it and certainly when I turned up to interview the new Vice-Chancellor of Rugby and Coventry University, Sir Donald Beanstaff, I was the only journalist in the offing.
"We bave decided to

become a university for three reasons," intoned Sir Donald Beanstaff, as he poured rue a sherry in the palatial vicechancellorial suite which was until so recently the head office of the Rugby and Coventry Building Society. One is that people are



Miles Kington

building societies changing into hanks, so we thought we could ring the changes a bit. Secoodly, it has been known for years that the University of Warwick is nowhere near Warwick and is, if anything, closer to Coventry, so we thought we could create a Rugby and Coventry University which was actually closer to Warwick!"

What about Rugby? Yes, we'll be playing rugby, and indeed any team game which might get a grant from the National Lottery." I really meant, now close will you be to the

town of Rugby?
"Ob, with you! Not very
close at all. But then, nothing is very close to Rugby, as you will know if you have ever tried to go there."

And the third reason? "Third reason? Oh, with you! Windfalls. When you convert from a building society, you get masses of windfalls. When you convert it to a university, there isn't actually that much money to share out, not after the directors have had their share, anyway, but you get a hell of a lot of degrees. In my case, I bave already collected 15 honorary degrees, includiog one in para-

sociology and another in applied office design, two subjects I didn't even know existed this time last year." But what on earth use are

windfall degrees? "Oh, a lot. They help you to get a good job,"
What good job have they

helped you get?

Vice-Chancellor of Rugby and Coventry University, for a start."

Hmm. Well, where will the teaching take place and how exactly will it work?

"Good question. We at the Rugby and Coventry University do not have a campus or a series of college buildings in the traditional sense. Nothing ivy-clad about us, old boy. In fact, we know from our experience as a building society that ivy is the last thing you want growing up a healthy building fabric, ch! But we do have a great series of hranch offices in every Midlands town from Nuneaton to Kenilworth, and we will be dispensing degrees from alt of them."

On demand? "Oh, no. People will have to deposit their homework as they used to deposit their regular building society contributions, and these regular essays will be added up and assessed and interest paid on them until they accrue into a fully-fledged degree. It's revolutionary, old boy. Can't fail. We'll make a fortune. Been nice talking to you. Here, have a degree in The History of Martial

Arts!" Tomorrow, the astonishing story of how Taunion Teacher Training College became a fully-fledged merchant bank

fed up to the back teeth with

Still tigers, but tamed a bit by the market system

aybe the next century won't belong to Asia after all. Or at least that is the thought spurred by the sharp falls in the currencies and the stock markets of several hitherto admired Asian "tiger" economies. The shorthand is familiar: that the 19th century was dominated by Europe, the 20th by America, and so the 21st will be dominated by Asia. It certainly seems plansible: China in particular has been sustaining growth rates of between 8 and 10 per cent for more than 15 years and on this performance will overtake the United States as the world's largest economy some time around 2010. Hong Kong already has a higher GDP per head than Britain.

This economic success brought a certain arrogance. Leaders of countries such as Singapore and Malaysia lectured the West on its supposed moral decline, while Western think-tanks started to produce papers advocating "Asian values" - the importance of things as varied as self-help rather than state support, close family ties rather than fractured marriages, and high savings rather than spend, spend, spend. So, the theory went, not only

would Asia dominate us in economic terms; it would also come to have a profound influence on our ideas. Instead of trade in values being a one-way stream with Western values extending to the East, it would become a two-way one, with us starting to import if not values, certainly ideas, from them. Remember earlier this year Tony Blair, still Leader of the

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pulsory savings rather than future taxation. But in recent weeks the mood has shifted, Maybe the region is not so wonderful after all. The immediate reason for that change has been a financial crisis which began in Thailand

in early July but which rapidly swept across the entire region, Thus, in dollar terms, the exchange rates of both Indonesia and Thailand have fallen by more than a quarter, and share. learn from people in the Asian one. es have harved in the last year. Even though the region is extremely diverse, the falls have proved contagious. Countries whose economies and financial systems are completely different have been hit. For example, Hong Kong's stock market is now at a fourmonth low, in contrast to the markets of

Europe and North America. Yesterday the Chinese government put out a statement of support for the Hong Kong exchange, saying that Hong Kong was "economically strong", that it had "adequate currency reserves" and that it had "the solid support of the central government. ernment". As we know here to our cost, the moment governments feel the need to proclaim triat everything is all right is the moment you can be sure it is not.

There is, however, a world of difference between periodic financial shocks and a longterm economic decline. It may come as a surprise to us that anything should go wrong in what we have come to think of as the world's most successful economic region. But it should not have done so. Because we allowed ourselves to be dazzled by the astonishing growth rates of East Asia, we forgot that the very nature of rapid growth is that it is interspersed with sudden hiccups. If an economy is geared to 8 per cent growth, coming down to 4 per cent



Hamish **McRae**

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The intellectual victory that
the West won when China and
the USSR adopted (admittedly rough) versions of market cap-italism meant that the West had hiccups also lost the comparative advantage of what is, for all its many flaws, the best available way of organising an economy.

But if we could sustain 4 per cent here, we would be the tiger economy of Europe. Besides, what we are seeing is

the financial reaction to an eco-

nomic rebalancing within the region, rather than a sudden deterioration of the whole

region's competitiveness. The trigger that set off the problems

in such countries as Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines has been a hiccup in export growth resulting from the

expansion of exports from main-land China, these countries

principal competitor, in inter-national markets – a fact that makes the Hong Kong market reverse all the more odd.

No, what I think we are seeing is not an end to the dazzling

success story of the past, but

rather a glimpse of the bumpy, but still-dazzing future.

The next century will see
Asia, and particularly East

Asia, playing a relatively more

important role in the world.

That is normal and natural. At

the beginning of the last century, the world's largest economy was China; so it will be again. This time China, and indeed the whole of the region, has the advantage of being able

has the advantage of being able to adopt not only state-of-the-

art technology from the West, but also the West's state-of-the-

Opposition, talking admiringly of the Singa-pore pension scheme, which relies on com-for the next generation, at least, and maybe for the next century, the world economy will operate on pretty much a single economic system. Naturally regional variations in that sys-tem may well remain, but remember too that in a world of almost infinite information, any really effective variations can quickly be adopted elsewhere. It would be astounding if there were not some things that people in the American and European time-zones could not

ination by Asia during the next century. For a start, there is an obvious fragility to the region. It is dominated by two great powers, China and Japan, which have had a historically difficult relationship. Their mutual security may, for the time being, by underwritten by the US, but we cannot assume that will continue indefinitely. There are also a series of specific political tests that will need to be taken, among them: the almost certain reunification of the two Koreas, the probable incorporation of Taiwan into China, and the possible transition to a real democracy in the region's other giant, Indonesia. The outcomes may not be towards

the more favourable end of the scale. So this rumble of market discontent of the last few weeks should be seen not as a sign that the East Asian economic miracle is over. The message is rather that now that the whole region is operating the market system, it will experience the same financial shocks that Europe and North America have come to accept. Booms will follow slumps, just as slumps will follow booms. That does not make such shocks any more welcome. It would be great if we could avoid them, or even damp down their amplitude. But we can't; and nor can they.

The Windsors still don't understand us

what they are doing at the weekend. No one needs to. If we are not going to line the route of Diana's funeral we will be watching it on TV. A unique funeral for a nuique person maybe, but already there are mutterings that it will not be unique enough. What kind of public ritual, you might ask, could possibly satisfy everyone? What has been striking about the so-called "ordinary" members of the public who have displayed their overwhelming sense of loss is that so many of them are those who otherwise feel under-represented in society. Those who loved Diana truly were that prized political entity, a rainbow coalition of diverse groups -old and young, black and white, gay and straight.

Reporters in America have been remarking on the numbers of black and Hispanic mourners there are. Diana, it seems, spoke to everyone who has at one time or another felt marginalised. Diana the drama-queen was obviously a big gay icon, and not simply because of her work with people with Aids. She spoke somehow to life's losers while cavorting with its winners. How on earth can a state occasion, which of course this is, whether acknowledged or not, possibly represent such a

diversity? More to the point, how can the Royal Family, an instituantithesis of democracy, organise the funeral of-a young woman whom people felt in their hearts to be instinctively full of democratic impulses, who consistently hroke down the harriers between "us" and "them"?

The signs are already there that the other Royals have not, unfortunately, learnt a thing from this tragedy. Their that the Royals just do things differently from normal people. Normal people think they just do things hadly. The question the firm asked of Diana when she was alive,
"Why can't she be more like us?" was always the wrong one. It should, of course, bave been: "Why can't we be more like ber?"

We are now experiencing the peculiar spectacle of a Labour government gently nudging the Royal Family into the 20th century, urging it to take notice of the people's wishes. The image of royalty since the death is that they are closeted away somewhere in their cold castle, unable or uninterested in judging the public mood. One can't help wondering whose advice they are taking, for it is the wrong advice. So concerned are they with keeping up appearances, they seem to have forgorten a fairly middle-brow rather



by Suzanne Moore

The 'rainbow coalition' queues to sign Diana's memorial book

just who those appearances are for. If the public is no longer impressed by stiff upper lips, by pushing griefstricken hoys into suits and sending them off to a cburch service where their mother is not even mentioned; if the future king cannot even put

his arm around his young sons, then what and whom is it all

Sleep, Phil Collins and Prokofiev. If that is what she liked, then this is what she should have. That is, the funeral has both to capture the

than high cultural taste. Diana are many who say that the liked Elton John and Wayne route of the funeral procession is nowhere near long enough to accommodate all those who will wish to turn out to see it.

The terrible shock of

promised that every effort is person she was as well as Diana's death might, one symbolise her hage impor-would have thought, have being made to do this. Yet whatever public rituals tance. In order to do this, finally catapulted the rest of surely some of the protocol the Royals into the 1990s. Yet

achieve, Diana's legacy, one hopes, is also personal.

One desperately wishes that her sons will be brought up in

a more open and affectionate way than their bewildered father. There are few indications that this is even possible. To say emotional literacy is not the forte of the Windsors is a

Modernity of the most everyday kind appears beyond their inform us that all is well, that the reputation of the monarchy waxes and wanes, and that that is to be expected. To that, l simply say that the life and the death of Diana was not what we expected at all; that that was then and this is now. Right now the tremendous eloseness that people felt to Diana only serves to underline

understatement.

fires and fountains throughout

the land. A fitting memorial

would be a functal that truly

included the dispossessed

rather than merely the great

and the good. We are

Having lost its most popular member, the firm has made the kamikaze decision to distance itself further

they are further isolating themselves. Charles is keeping up appearances for his parents, just as he has always done. Is he still, after everything that has happened, too weak to stand up to them?

Diana was the princess of a young country. Both she and "Call me Tony" Blair signalled a new informality, the end of the age of deference. Blair do it through language and lifestyle; Diana did it physically, grahbing and hug-ging and touching. She literally held people to her. The establishment refuses to recognise that it is possible to be informal and still maintain dignity. Yet Nelson Mandela has done it, and Clinton has done it. Blair has done it and in many ways in their mourning for Diana, the great British public has done it.

Both Blair and Diana share on Newsnight that more books fairly middle-brow rather were fetched. Similarly, there

already rumoured that Clinton wanted to come, hnt was stopped because such an honour is reserved for heads of state. The idea of putting her coffin on a gun carriage also jars. A militaristic operation seems entirely inappropriate for a woman who campaigned

against land mines. further. The Royal Family cannot reclaim her as one of them in death when in life they stripped her of her title. Public feeling is already running high at this hypocrisy. The Palace looks increasingly illequipped to deal with the desires of the people. In opening only five books in which people could give their condolences, they severely under-estimated the demand. People **№ THE INDEPENDENT** were having to queue for up to eight hours and it was only after Richard Branson's plea

Instead they are desperately clinging on to old habits and old protocols in a manner that, whatever their intention, appears entirely dismissive of the public mood. Having lost its most popular member, the firm has made the kamikaze decision to distance itself

There has been much talk about what a fitting memorial to Diana might be. There have been suggestions ranging from scrapping the Millennium Dome, to putting her in it, to naming hospitals, to making us actually live in.

the enormous gulf between "them" and "us". Whatever country the monarchy thinks it is ruling, it is becoming clear it is not the one that most of

'The sooner she goes, the better'

Montserrat is only the tip of the volcano - Clare Short's critics are complaining of much more, says Paul Vallely

o now it is two-nil to the people of Montserrat. Clare Short, the Secretary of State for International Development is to visit the vol-cano-hit island, it was announced yesterday. That news came on top of a £6.5m emergency housing commitment by her deputy, George Foulkes. It will all cost a lot more than the original plan to give each islander £2,400 and n one-way ticket off the dustchoked disaster zone.

It has not been a happy episode for Ms Short. First there was the "failure of communications", as the Foreign Secretary so delicately put it, between her and the islanders. Then there was her jibe that the whingeing colonials "will be wanting golden elephants next" - a remark she later described as unfortunate. Finally there was her Independent on Sunday interview, in which she complained again of anti-Short spin-doctoring unleashing vitriol "from either or both No 10 and the Foreign Office press departments".

But if the disillusion goes deeper, it is a two-way thing. "Over Montserrat she has demonstrated appalling political nous," said a senior official of one major British aid agency. "And it reflects two fundamental things about Clare Short - that she has total disregard for overseas emergencies and that she is an egomaniac. The sooner she goes the better."

It is not an isolated complaint. "At first we welcomed her. We thought she was unpredictable, but that gave her the capacity to raise the profile of these issues." said a policy-maker in another prominent development charity. "But we knew that her first six

truth is she hasn't acquitted herself very well in them."

"A lot of people like her personally because she's not a politician's politi-cian. She's outside the 'why is this bastard lying to me' loop. So people are reticent to criticise her,"

said the director of a third. "But she's a bull in a china shop. She's tremendously passionate, but all our fears about her are being fulfilled."

This is serious stuff. for it comes from the heartland of what ought to be her most support-ive constituency. What is the source of their discontent? Yesterday Ms Short was at The London Business School trying to persuade British industry that it has a positive contribution to make to development.

She has previously been at the Institute of Directors to proclaim that in this area labour and capital are no longer in conflict. She is encouraging new mechanisms to promote fair trade and ethical business practice. All very New Labour, all very laudable. "She's a tremendous visionary,"

said one insider there. "She will lead the department in a new direction." There is praise too for her linking development with trade and deht. She wants to counter Western protectionism and alleviate Third World deht in a more holistic programme. But, say her critics, there is some-

months would be crucial, and the thing very Old Labour about her ide-truth is she hasn't acquitted herself ological insistence that such issues was "really snotty".

"Because of her ego she has a should knock emergency aid down the list of departmental priorities. They complain too of old-style statist instincts which say that poverty-alleviation can best he done by governunder the done by governand lobbying for policy change. But she



How well does Clare Short read her briefs? Photograph: PA

ments through other governments. The reality is that assistance best reaches the poorest people through development agencies and other Non-Governmental Organisations.

All this might be dismissed as special pleading by NGOs, whose applications for government cash are being more carefully scrutinised, were it not for the fact that evidence of Ms Short's bias against aid is there in her speeches, most particularly in her asides. And, at a supper for heads of agencies, she began by announcing "I'm not interested in aid". When the was "really snotty".

"She is clever but arrogant," said a fourth senior aid official. "In this field it is necessary to work on many levels

> seems to think the first two are unimportant." They contrast her approach with Robin Cook's careful walking of the difficult tightrope between trade interests and human rights in his ethical foreign policy. She prides herself on challenging assumptions. And she does. But she doesn't always read her briefs properly and her challenges are not always

from a basis of fact." The Department for International Development (DfID) already occupies the most junior position in Cabinet. If it is also at loggerheads with the Foreign Office, the agencies say, the result is

the worst possible scenario. The clashes are not limited to Montserrat, where the Foreign Office believed, after a visit by its minister Lady Symons shortly after the election, that local politicians were probably right when they emphasised the need for British money to redevelop the north of the island away from the volcano rather than pay for resettlement elsewhere. There has been a lack of coherence between FCO and DfID policy in Zaire, Rwanda, Kenya and

sense of rivalry with everyone," said a fifth leading aid worker. "The only question is will she go or will she be pushed - and if she precipitates a crisis will the department be absorbed into the FCO and lose its Cabinet sta-tus as a result?" Some are even talking about her successor. "We need to replace her with a bright young innovator who will restructure the policy in the way Chris Patten did when he held her position," said a senior official in one of the leading agencies.

Quite how much of this disillusion has fed itself into Labour circles is unclear. On his way to Montserrat Mr Poulkes said that the Prime Minister had telephoned him to wish him luck: "He told me he wanted me to resolve the situation and that he was relying on me to do that." It seemed an oddly maladroit thing for the minister to say. Was it bumbling self-aggrandisement or was he trying to distance himself from his boss: "It seemed pretty treacherous in relation to his head of department,"

one agency director said yesterday. Labour insiders insist that, despite Clare Short's dark suspicions, the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary are doing all they can to support her. "Cook is bending over backwards to be good to her," said one. "But she can't go round announcing that she sees plots everywhere." Agency chiefs sadly agree. "In my heart I'm with her." said one, "but my head goes in the opposite direction. In the end if she slips on a banana skin it will be one of her own, not one of theirs. If she is impaled it will be on her own prickles."

<u>True or False?</u> "I have a 1 in 3 chance of getting cancer" For the answer to this and other questions read The Independent's special report on Pain on Tuesday 9 September 1997 In association with Marie Curie 😹 Cancer Care

Boost for UK as Airbus lands \$4bn jet deal

Britain's aerospaee industry was given a huge boost yester-day after the European aircraft manufacturer Airbus Industrie elinched a \$4bn t12_5hn) order for 65 jets.

The order for a mixture of wide- and narrow-bodied Airhus aircraft, placed by the giant American leasing company ILFC, will bring in work worth hundreds of millions of pounds to British Aerospace factories and other component suppliers around the country.

However, Boeing is set to share in the bouanza with ILFC, a subsidiary of the US insurance giant American International Group, preparing to place an order for about 50 jets worth a similar amount with the US manufacturer.

BAe has a 20 per cent stake in Airbus and employs more than 10,000 people directly manufacturing wings but an estimated 50,000 UK jobs depend in total on the Airbus programme.

News of the order - the biggest Airbus has won so far this year - helped send BAe shares 50.5p higher to close at 1510.5p - the 3.5 per cent rise making them one of the best performing stocks of the day in the FTSE 100 Index.

This is the second boost for Airbus in as many weeks, Last Thursday the French socialist

tions to the transformation of the four-nation consortium into a single commercial entity. paving the way for full privau-

sation early in the next century. There could be a further bonus for the Bruish aerospace industry if Rolls-Rayce succeeds

in winning engine orders for the aircraft being bought by ILFC.

The Los Angeles-based company is acquiring 50 aircraft from the A320 range and 15 A330 jets, taking its total Airbus fleet tn 266 and making it the consortium's biggest single customer with 11 per cent of the total order book.

The next biggest customers of Airhus are the national airlines of Germany and France, two of the other partner countries in the consortium. The fnurth partner is Spain. British Airways as never ordered a single Airbus aircraft but it is one of the handful of airlines examining the proposed 600-seater Airbus super jumbo the A3XX.

Both the A320 family and the A330 are capable of being powered by Rolls Royce engines although the Braish company will be in competition with its larger US rivals, Pratt and Whitney and General Electric for the orders.

The ILFC deal hrings the total Airbus order book to 2.392 aircraft and increases the number of jets ordered so far this year to 167. Jean Pierson, managing director of Airbus described the government dropped its object. ILFC order as "a gratifying vote tribute to the new company.

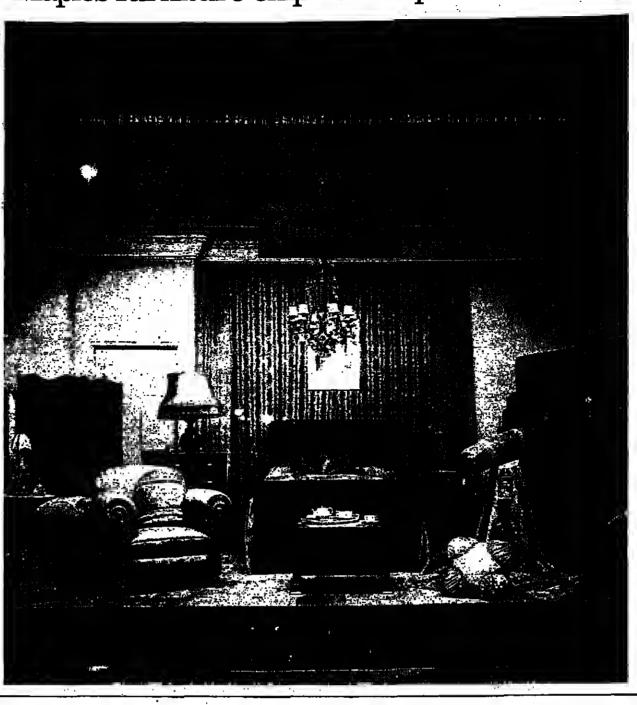
nf confidence and endorsement of our overall market presence 20 per cent of the world aircraft fleet is now supplied thorugh op-

erating leases to airlines Last year Airbus and its larger US rival Boeing, which has just completed the takeover of Mc-Donnell Douglas, won 1,043 or-ders and 1997 looks like being another bumper year. Airbus's share of the world market is running at about 35 per cent.

It would be a stunning coup for Airbus if it could confirm an order worth up to \$19bn from US Airways for up to 400 aircraft. Last November the American carrier announced plans to acquire 120 Airhus jets worth \$5bn with an option to buy a further 280 worth \$14ba but the orders are contingent upon it reaching a deal with its pilots union by the end of this month.

The A3XX-forecast to cost at least \$8bn to develop - will only go ahead if the Airbus partners succeed in converting the husiness into a public company by 1999. Apart from BAe, the other industrial partners are Aerospatiale of France, Daimler Benz of Germany and Spain's Casa. BAe bas indicated it is not interested in emerging with a shareholding greater than its current 20 per cent but expects in return to be compensated by the other partners for the greater value of the assets its will con-

Maples furniture empire collapses after 150-year history



Maples, the furniture retailer collapsed into receivership yesterday more than 150 years after the first store opened on **London's Tottenham Court** Road, writes Nigel Cope. Receivers Deloitte & Touche blamed high debts and poor trading for the collapse but said they hoped to sell the busine promptly as a going concern. They said there vere no immedia implications for the group's 340 staff. The busine been experiencing cashflow problems but a poor August bank holiday was the final straw. Trading was well below targets in spite of a last-ditch promotional effort which included fiveyear interest-free credit deals with nothing to pay for the first year. Clive Vaughan of retail analyst Verdict Research said: "It s surprising because they should have been doing well at the moment. They have a strong brand with an upper mass market clientele. This has been exactly where the windfall money has been going." Maples has 24 stores, including nine larger outof-town outlets, specialising in high quality living room and dining room furniture. However, it has been a poor financial performer and the difficulties continued after a management buy-in from the Asda supermarket group in 1993. Maples owes £8m to its main bankers, Bank of Scotland and CinVen, the venture capital group which backs the takeover. It had sales of around £50m last year and is thought to have recorded a significant loss. Photograph: Hulton Getty

Rock members to get £2,000

Clifford German

Qualifying members of North-ern Rock Building Society will each get windfalls worth almost £2,000 when the society floats on I October, it was estimated vesterday.

The 500 free shares each member will he sent could he worth as much as 390p each, according to the Newcastle-based mutual's local broker, Wise

The forecast is based on the average price of shares in Abbey National, Halifax, Woolwich and Alliance & Leicester in relationship to their forecast carnings and the bkely dividend

The expected valuation refleeted the high current rating of shares in the financial sector rather than an assessment of fair value. Wise Speke's analyst, Geoff Miller, said vesterday.

Unlike other converting so cieties. Northern Rock will not qualify for a premium rating as part of the FTSE 100 index, despite an estimated market value on flotation of around £2bn.

Information packs are being posted out to members, aftering them a choice of selling their shares for eash before dealings begin, keeping them in a nomince account or receiving a share certificate.

Completed forms indicating what members want to dn with their shares must be received by 26 September in order to sell at an auction of shares planned for the day before first dealings or A single auction will be con-

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Centrica price cuts anger rivals

Michael Harrison

The gas industry regulator Ofgas was yesterday urged to intervene to stop British Gas from offering 1.5 million households in southern England re-

The calls came after Centrica - the trading arm of British Gas - confirmed that it is to introduce its ValuePlus scheme in Kent. Sussex, Dorset and the former county of Avon. Under the scheme customers who pay by direct dehit get 12 per cent off the standard tariff.

Ofgas immediately launched an investigation, inviting rival suppliers and customers to submit their views. Although these are almost certain to be universally hostile, there are doubts whether Ofgas will take any action since it bas already approved the introduction of the ValuePlus scheme in south west England.

Nevertheless, independent suppliers and consumer bodies nined vesterday in attacking British Gas's move warning that it could stymie the devel-

opment of competition as full liberalisation of the domestic gas market is rolled out hetween now and June of oext

ductions in their hills ranging the country's higgest iodepen-from £40 to more than £100 a dent supplier with around 250,000 domestic customers, said: "We believe that the premature extension of ValuePlus seheme will seriously undermine the continued growth of gas competition nationwide. The effect will be to discourage new suppliers and weaken smaller competitors to the detriment of growing customer

Sue Slipman, director of the Gas Consumers Council, also sounded a note of caution. pointing out that it had opposed the introduction of ValuePlus in the south west as an exam-

commission an independent authority to establish whether sufficient competition had been established to allow Centrica to compete on price with rival sup-

Jim Whelan, managing di-

ple of predatnry pricing. She also called for Ofgas to

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tomers in the region - just under a quarter - have switched to a rival supplier. A similar proportion have switched over titioo in Fehruary and March of

What appears to have upset rival suppliers is the speed with which ValuePlus is being introduced in the latest trial area. Centrica waited almost a year before launching the scheme in the south west but has decided to offer it in southern England barely six months after the start of competition.

Mr Whelan warned: "Competition in other parts of the country could be still born if people can see that they have only to sit back for a short while and wait for British Gas to start cutting the price."

Calortex, one of the biggest rival suppliers also criticised the move saying that competition was not yet sufficiently estahlished.

The Gas Consumers Counwhere at least 80 per cent of next year.

opened up in April of last year consumers are aware that com-118,000 of the 500,000 gas cus-petition exists, British Gas should be allowed to start cutting its prices ooce its has lost 25 per ceot of the market. But where consumer awareness is lower the council said that market was opened to compe- British Gas should have to wait until it had lost 55 per cent of the market.

Mike Alexander, managing director of British Gas Trading said that research showed 95 per cent of customers in the trial areas were now aware that compedition existed. But Ms Slipman said there was "a credibility gasp in the monopoly supplier being their own judge

The price cuts will be available immediately and will mean a saving of £40 on the average annual bill of £350 hut a reduction of £109 for large house-bolds with an annual bill of

Competition is due to be extended to a further 2.5 million housebolds in Scotland and the North east from 1 November with the rest of the coun-The Gas Consumers Country joining up in phases cil has recommended that between February and June of

Wimpey upbeat about house market prospects

George Wimpey, the UK's biggest house-builder, yesterday added its voice to the growing chorus seeing the enrrent strength in the housing market spreading out from the Southeast to the rest of the country. Joe Dwyer, the chairman and chief executive, said the elec-tion, the Budget and higher interest rates had all passed without any real detrimental ef-

fect on consumer confidence. Echoing very closely comments made by rivals Persimmon on Monday, Mr Dwyer said new house price inflation was running at 6 to 7 per cent in the South-east, dropping to only 1 to 2 per cent in the North and Scotland.

He painted a bullish outlook for the market, even though the growth rate could be cut in two next year, as the Government took action in dampen consumer spending, he said. "It is reason-able to assume that bouse price inflation will halve to 3 in 4 per

cent, but I would still suggest that is a very acceptable background against which to trade."

Mr Dwyer's comments came as Wimpey revealed a turn-around in its interim results to June, with profits of £12.5m replacing losses of £8.6m last time, hoosted by a full six months' inclusion of the McLean Hnmes operation aequired in an asset swap with Tarmac in March 1996. The half-way dividend, which is being held at 2p a share, is covered by earnings for the first time since the late 1980s.

The group revealed it was ready to self its Ardel housing land development operation in Australia as part of a disposal programme which has seen gearing drop from 57 per cent to 51 per cent since June 1996. Net assets at Ardel are worth around A\$60m (£28m). If a sale is agreed this year, as expected, it would swell currently planned disposal proceeds of £50m for 1997. A further £80m of assets remain for dis-

Mr Dwyer also revealed that Wimpey was looking to hreak out of mid-market private house-huilding, which became the group's core business after swapping its quarrying and contracting interest in last year's Tarmac deal. Mr Dwyer said they would look at acquisitions or organic growth in the mar-kets for both luxury bomes and "customised" units as part of urhan renewal programmes and might contemplate a move back into sheltered bousing, whice

Group completions rose 7 per cent to 6,148 in the first balf, boosted by a 50 per cent increase in overseas operations, principally Morrison Homes trading in five US states, which broke even for the first time for several years.

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Mr Dwyer forecast that the original Wimpey Homes husiness would be back up to 6.000 completions by next year, with MeLean following the

Apple clone licence move boosts shares

New York

Apple Computers vesterday startled industry-watchers by agreeing in huy back the eloning licence it sold to Power Computing Corp in 1995 for \$100m (£63m).

The bold move, which boosted Apple shares, was instigated by Apple's co-founder Steve Jobs, whn has been running the troubled computer maker for the past month while a search is conducted for a new permanent chief exec-

disappraved of the agreements entered into by Apple since 1993 to sell licences to other computer makers tn manufacture and distribute elone Apple products. Among those. Power Computing emerged as the most successful with an annual revenue last

year of \$300m. Rather than helping to ex-pand the market sbare for the Macintosb operating system, as Apple had originally hoped, the elone-makers have instead eroded Apple's own sales through aggressive dis-

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Apple and Power Computing had been in dispute for several months over access to Apple's technology and some kind of new arrangement between the two companies had been expected. Power Computing's former chief execu-tive, Joel Kocher, resigned from the company last month over the arguments with Ap-

Under the deal unveiled yesterday. Apple will acquire

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Mr Jobs is known to have count pricing and direct mar- the core assets of Power Comketing. It is this cannibalising puting, including the right tn retain key employees with expertise in direct marketing and distribution. Apple will also gain Power Computing's

customer data base. Power Computing will retain its name and continue to sell Mae-compatible eomputera until the end of the year.

Power Computing bas pioneered direct marketing and sales in the Macintosh market, successfully huilding a \$400m business," Mr Jobs commented. "We look forward to learning from their experience, and welcoming their customers back into the Apple family". The deal comes almost one month after a huge shake-np at Apple, which saw Mr Jobs returned to the board of directors as well as the revelation that Apple's former arch-rival Microsoft would be

company. It remained unclear what the implications of the Power Computing deal would be firr other bolders of Apple elone licences, which are principally Motorola Inc and Umax Computer of Taiwan.

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Salvesen hit by fresh setback **Magnus Grimond**

posal after that.

A collapse in the pea crop has become the latest mishap to derail Christian Salvesen, the illfated transport to generator hire group, which has seen its shares wilt since it rejected a 405p a share offer from the rival Hays group last year. Yesterday's coded profit warn-

ng, which came alongside further news of the group's demerger plans, saw the shares slip a further 6p to 276p. Sentiment was further dented by the revelation that the current finance director, Ian Adam, would not be staying with either of the companies resulting from the split.

Salvesen said volumes at its food services division, part of the continuing business and the UK's largest processor and packer of frozen peas, had been "significantly impacted" by the unseasonally wet weather in June and July. Tonnages processed were likely to be cut by around 40 per cent and the problem was being made worse by the increase in the value of the pound, sucking in imported peas from the Continent.

Edward Roderick, who will hecome chief executive of the new slimmed-down group if the demerger goes through, said prices had been generally flat, with declines experienced in some areas, as a result of

cheap imports from Belgium and Holland. He said profits in the business, which numbers Albert Fisher, Bird's Eye Walls, Sainsbury and Safeway amongst its customers, would be impacted if processing volumes failed to meet expectations.

Analysts suggested profits from food services, which ehipped in £6.8m to operating profits last year of £44.5m at the continuing Salvesen husiness were likely to be nearer £3m this year. One said that, with the continental logistics operation being hit on translation by the strong pound, it was difficult to see the group making up the shortfall elsewhere.

Meanwhile, Mr Adam, who had been earmarked to continue as Salvesen's finance director, will now only stay on to oversee the group's move from Edinburgh to Northampton to be completed in the next three months. He will get

a pay-off amounting to £75,000. Shares in Aggreko, the generator and temperature control equipment hire group which is being spun out of Salvesen, are expected to start trading oo 2% September. Despite forecasts that both groups will make profits of around £31m or £32m this year, analysts expect Aggreko to open at around 150p n share. with Salvesen at about 125p.

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Involving practitioners in City regulation

DBS Financial Management £450,000 is more embarrassing – DBS or the PIA. The PIA oo Monday fined DBS this record sum for "serious failings" linked to the pensions mis-selling scandal. That's obviously highly embarrassing for DBS. But it is also pretty embarrassing for the PIA. DBS's chairman, Ken Davy, sits on the PIA board, or did an-

til he was prevailed upon to resign this week. Worse still, the PIA's chairman is Joe Palmer, a former chief executive of Legal and General, L&G was receotly singled out for special criticism by Helen Liddell, economic secretary to the Treasury, for failure to correct the pensions mis-selling scandal. Admittedly Mr Palmer has had oothing to do with L&G for some years now, so he cannot in any way be hlamed personally for the company's tardiness in compensating victims, but he was there while the mis-selling was actually going nn and can therefore be held ultimately responsible for it. If Mr Davy's position on the PIA has become untenable, what about Mr Palmer? Very embarrassing all round, it seems.

What lessons does this episode hold for Howard Davies, head of the super-SIB, as he struggles with the managerial issues of setting up the Government's giant oew City

Most people might reasonably wonder why it is that practitioners, the people the PIA and others are meant to regulate, are represented

inally set up as self-regulating organisa tions. To all intents and purposes, the PIA is now a statutory regulator. The vestiges of self-regulation, nonetheless, remain. Seven oot of the PIA's 17 directors are practitioners. The savings industry is also widely represented on the PIA's advisory panels.

And what's wrong with that, some will say? A regulator that regards itself solely as a con-sumer protection agency, refusing all com-promise, will ultimately end up damaging the adustry it is meant to police, and therefore the interests of the consumers it is there to protect. It would also plainly be highly dan-gerous for regulators to set detailed rules and regulations to govern practitioners in complete isolation. Moreover, the very fact that the PIA was prepared to take such heavy-handed action against someone who actually sits on its own board shows that the system works, that the PIA is not the organ of industry self-interest.

Unfortunately that is not the way the public will see it. There are usually a hundred good reasons why a complaint cannot or should not be upheld. The suspicion is that when regulator and regulated are one and the same, these excuses will always get the upper hand. It is just about possible for a poacher to turn gamekeeper, but the two roles should never be combined simultaneously. The PIA will eventually be absorbed into

the super-SIB, once the necessary legislation

It is hard to know for whom the Personal on these regulatory boards at all. The answer is in place. Plainly it is important that the linvestment Authority's decision to fine is that the PIA and its precursors were originated and concerns of practitioners throughout the financial services industry continue to be represented in the new super regulator. But do practitioners really need to be represented at board level? Moreover, should they ever become involved in disci-plinary matters? Strangely enough, experi-ence at the PIA and other City regulators is that practitioners are among the most hawkish in disciplinary cases, presumably because of the perceived wider reputa-tional risk of malpractice to their industries. Even so, they probably shouldn't be directly

> Finding a way of involving practitioners in the super-SIB in a manner that is meaoingful but also acceptable to the new Government and the public is one of the main challenges faced by Mr Davies in the runup to next April's launch.

What can Northern Rock gain from float?

Northern Rock's flotation at the beginning of next month brings to an end the peo-nies-from-heaven summer of windfalls. In theory, being last out of the hlocks should give Northern Rock the advantage over the other converting building societies of learning from their mistakes. If that was the strategy, Northern has been only partially

Listing particulars published yesterday show Northern has plumped for a flat share handout on the Alliance & Leicester model, so avoiding the complexity of a Halifax-style tiered handout. It claims this is the fairest approach. Nonsense. The effect is to reward Johnny-come-lately carpetbaggers at the expense of long-standing investors with

more sizeable deposits. More intellectually defensible is its determination 10 sell all unwanted shares in one auction before dealings in the open market begin. This should avoid the blatant market manipulation that has occurred in some of the other building society flotations.

Less clear cut is just why Northern Rock is floating in the first place, given its stated intention of sticking to its traditional businesses of taking deposits and offering mortgages. Unlike its peers, Northern Rock has no need to access the capital markets to fund an expensive expansion into insurance and long-term savings.

According to the company, floating is the though why this should be is not adequately explained. In any case Northern Rock is less likely than many of its rivals to fall to a bid because it is better managed and more efficient than its peers. Moreover, Northern is saddled with a poison pill that will hand 15 per cent of its value to a charitable foundation in the event of a takeover.

Members are certain to pay for their new

lending rates. There is a good case for arguing that members would have been better served had Northern foregone the £32m of conversion and flotation costs and remained

Masters living on borrowed time

The continuing survival of Chris Masters at the helm of Christian Salvesen is one of those minor miracles of the modern age for which there is no rational explanation. Having seen Salvesen's management pass up a 405p-a-share offer from Hays last year, shareholders are having to make do with a stock price that languishes at just 276p. Chief executives have gone for a lot less. Fortunately for Mr Masters he has been given time to pre-pare an escape route. He'll be chairing the soon-to-be-independent Aggreko hire division,

easily the best part of the demerged group. Not before the group managed to skid on annther banana skin, however. This time it was the dreaded pea crop, which was washed out by this summer's unexpectedly heavy rains. As Britain's biggest processor of frozen peas, Salvesen was hit hard. An act of God maybe, hut one which has damaged Salveseo before.

lao Adam, the finance director, has decided to call it a day. How long before shareholders decide that Mr Musters might dividends through less keen borrowing and apply his talents elsewhere as well?

Hang Seng investors waver on a 'crazy' roller-coaster

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The roller-coaster which is the Hong Kong stock market plunged and soared yesterday as investors oscillated between moods of extreme pessimism and new found optimism. At one point during the day the blue-chip Hang Seng Index suffered a 525-point loss, taking it to a four-month low. However, by the close, the index had rebounded, gaining almost 310 points on the day - an increase of more than 2 per cent.

One trader described the afternoon's trading. day's business as "crazy, just The finance sector, led by crazy". He said that early indk HSBC Holdings and its sub-cations were good as the Long "saidiary the Hang Seng Index." don Hang Seng Reference registered the best performance Index had risen overnight, with an overall 3.6 per cent gain.

morning session investors bloe chips was not reflected seemed disinclined to believe the good oews and started flooding the market with sell orders.

By the end of the day some big institutional buyers, including Hong Kong's most high-profile husinessman, Li Ka-shing, were reported to be coming back to the market, snapping up blue chips. Morgan Stanley was also reported to have been active in the market on behalf of some heavyweight clients. The securities house's activity sparked enthusiasm which carried through into the

However, towards the cod of the However, cothusiasm for od of lacklustre trading in the eq. where share prices rose mod. these people," be said.

elsewhere in the market where China associated stocks took a hammering, following on from the pounding they received the day before. The index measur-ing stocks controlled by Chinese state-run companies fell more than 12 per cent. Meanwhile, the "red chip" index tracking the shares of China associated com-

panies fell almost 10 per cent. The big plunge in these shares led to rumours that China was withdrawing its support from the market. However, the Chinese government quickly rushed out an assurance that it would not take any measures to undermine Hoog Kong's economic stability. The improvement in blue chip share prices reverses a five-day. sell-off, which followed a periuity of Hong Kong's leading companies. While this was under way smaller counters and Chinese-related shares saw unprecedented volumes of trading and little price loss. Yesterday, the all ordinaries

index dipped by slightly more than 1 per cent, suggesting that the market as a whole was far from in a state of recovery. This underlines the feeling that a single day's change of sentiment is insufficient to bring the bulls back into the Hong Kong warket. "The short-term outlook remains volatile and bearishly based," said a commentary by Nikko Securities yesterday.

The relatively good news from Hong Kong was reflected

estly. In Bangkok the troubled stock exchange finally stopped falling and registered a 4.4 per ceot increase. However, the Thai baht hit a new low against the US Dollar, closing at 34.65. The same fate befell the Philippine peso, which slumped to a record low against the dollar.

Meanwhile the ever-volatile Taiwan market continued to plunge alongside the B share markets in China which are open to foreign participation. In Malaysia, where both share prices and the local currency reg-

istered declines, Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamed returned to the fray, hitting out at international speculators who have wiped 35 per cent off the value to a more limited extent in both South Korea and Singapore, cent weeks. "We should shoot

US shares soar on hopes interest rates won't rise

Diane Coyle Economics Editor

Wall Street shrugged off its recent gloom wheo share prices soared yesterday thanks to renewed hopes that US interest rates would oot have to rise in the near future.

New figures suggested Amer-Federal Reserve would increase rates at its oext policy meeting. But experts said the stock

market would stay volatile this week, with figures for joh creation and wage rates last month due to be published on Friday. Traders returned from Monday's Labor Day holiday to send the Dow Jones industrials index soaring as much as 179 points, or 2.1 per cent, to 7,801 by mid-morning. This recovery dwarfed Friday's 72-point fall.

Dow's 7.3 per cent decline during August, the worst oocmonth performance since the outhreak of the Gulf War in August 1990. The upbeat start across the Atlantic helped the FTSE 100 index in Loodon close 82 points higher at 4,951.9.

The monthly survey of in-dustry by the National Associ-ation of Purchasing Managers. ican industry grew at a slightly slower pace in August than in July, trimming the odds that the at which US manufacturing is expanding, was given as the ex-planation for the post-holiday euphoria in the financial markeis, even though economists cautioned that the survey also revealed worrying evidence of

inflationary pressures. The index of activity eased back to 56.8 from 58.6 in July. omists said the strike at carri-Output and new orders grew more slowly last month.

er components of the overall index - employment, prices and

creased inflationary pressures. Manufacturers reported they were creating new jobs for the sixth month running, while delivery times, an indicator of supply bottlenecks, lengthened, Jonathan Basile, an economist

at HSBC Markets in New York, said this was one of Alan Greenspan's favourite inflation indicators; "It means a longer time for producers to deliver their goods to buyers. That translates into an imbalance that could spell inflationary pressure."

The survey's prices index picked up further in August after climbing above the 50 level in July, suggesting manufacturers have to pay more for materials. However, other econers UPS had increased delivery times. An increase in the price On the other hand, three other components of the overall ingested the NAPM survey had relieved concerns about the It also drew a line under the delivery times - pointed to in- outlook for interest rates.

Call to appoint ministers for each region

Michael Harrison

Business leaders yesterday. called on the Government to appoint a full-time minister for each region of the country in a bid to kick-start economic development and improve com-

In a report to ministers the British Chambers of Commerce also recommended the whole system of regional support be streamlined so that regional development ageories took over most of the responsibilities of agencies such as English Partnerships, the Rural Development Commission and regional government offices.

Another of its recommendations is that husiness leaders be given a much more central role in the planning aod implementation of regional economic. development. It calls, for instance, for the creation of a single unified business support organisation to integrate the functions currently carried out separately by individual chambers, Business Links and Training and Enterprise Councils. The aim of appointing ded-

of those areas at national and international level, aid co-operation between the regions and act as a conduit for the flow of regional and national policies.

tributioo to the Government's consultatioo exercise on regional development agencies instituted by the deputy Prime Minister, John Prescott.

who led the taskforce that prepared the report, said: "Government must oot fight shy of a radical approach to regional development. Tough decisions will have to he taken and Whitehall must he prepared to devolve responsibility for eco-nomic development strategies to regional level."

meanwhile that business had to and regional development if come from business competi-

age genuioe economic part-nerships to take responsibility icated ministers for different regions would be to ensure effective representation of each

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IN BRIEF

IMI may move production overseas

IMI, the engineering group, warned it was considering moving some of its production away from the UK if the pound continned its rise against the mark and the dollar. The group also said it would sack another 300 workers around the world in the second half of the year, following 900 redundancies in the past six months, as part of a large-scale cost-cutting program. IMI pleased the market by announcing a rise in operating profits to £70.4m (£67.2m) despite a £10m hit due to the strong pound and its shares rose 18p to 358.5p.

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Goode Durrant buys rentals firm for £28m

Goode Durrant is to buy Transport Development Group Reotals from Transport Development Group for £28.2m. Goode Durrant said it would raise £22.9m through a placing of 5.4 million shares at 420p, and would borrow the remaining £5.3m. "The purchase of TDG Rentals will, in the first full year under Goode Durrant's ownership, result in greater earnings share than would have been achieved without the acquisition," the company said. TDG Rentals has a fleet of 2,440 vehicles, as well as depots, and is free of deht. and will be used to develop Goode Durant's commercial vebicle hire business in Northgate.

Ranger Oil and Elan Energy to merge

Ranger Oil has agreed to merge with Elan Energy in a deal worth C\$566m (£258m). Ranger will pay Elan shareholders C\$10.55 per share or .79026 of a Ranger share. The merged group will be one of the 10 largest independent public Canadian oil companies, with a portfolio of natural gas, light oil and heavy oil production. The bigger group hopes it will have more financial clout to develop heavy oil deposits, which are vulnerable to the cyclical nature of heavy oil prices.

Greenalls sells four hotels for £21m

Greenalls Group has sold four De Vere hotels for £21.1m in cash. The three three star hotels – Tillington Hall in Stafford, The Abbey in Great Malvern and The Bull in Gerrards Cross – have been bought by Sarova Hotels for £15.2m, while the four-star De Vere Coventry was sold in Britannia Hotels for £5.9m. De Vere now

Casino rejects takeover bid by Promodes

Casino's board has rejected Promodes's takeover bid, a move analysts said could raise the price of what would be France's higgest retail merger. "Taking into account the results and the prospects of the Casino group, the members of the supervisory board have declared themselves unanimously against this offer," the board said. On Mooday Promodes made a Fr19.1bn (£1.95bn) unsolicited hid for Casino and a Fr8.7bn offer for Rallye, which owns a third of Casino. The Pallye board which also met vertexion. a third of Casino. The Rallye board, which also met yesterday, hasn't yet declared its intentions. If the long-expected hids are successful, Promodes would become the country's largest retailer, ahead of Leclerc and Carrefour.

Capita wins £9.5m Naafi contract

Capita has won a £9.5m contract awarded by the Navy, Army, Air Force Institutes (Naafi) to run its central administrative support services over five years. By November Capita will manage Naafi's central administrative support services, which include accounts, payroll, personnel and pensions administratioo and related IT services. More than 160 Nottingham-based staff will transfer to Capita as part of the contract.

UK official reserves rise \$10m in August

UK official reserves rose an uoderlying \$10m in August following an \$18m rise in July, the Treasury said. The overall level of official reserves fell by \$35m in August, bringing the end-August reserves to \$41.106bn.

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genes into cows Sameena Ahmad PPL Therapeutics, the biotech company that produced Dolly, the world's first cloned sheep, and

Polly, the first sheep to contain a human gene, yesterday announced its next major goal - a hlood transfusion product. Dr Ron James, PPL's managing director, aims to replace a cow gene with a specific human gene. The long-term aim is to replace the bovine serum albumin gene in cows with the human

protein. The protein is essential in treating victims who have suffered massive blood loss. Administering the plasma, a

part of whole blood, substitutes for a traditional blood transfusion without wasting time matching blood types. At present, around 600 tonnes of tered every year in the UK - a market worth £2bn. Manufacturing such large quantities of the protein is difficult and costly. But using cows milk would serum albumin gene. Doing speed up the process. The first that would enable PPL to prostop is proving that human duce, in cows' milk, large quan- genes can be transferred into tities of plasma extender cow cells.

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Currency concerns haunt IMI

over the past few months. The rise in the value of sterling against other cur-rencies, most notably the dollar and the mark, has hit overseas earnings.

IMI is one of the host of companies that have been affected by the negative sentiment. Its shares had fallen by (5 per cent since the start of the year, underperforming the stock market by more than a quarter before yesterday's interim results announcement.

At first glance it is easy to see why. Every time IMI makes an announcement, the group increases its forecast of the impact currency will have on profits this year. First it was £10m, then El5m. and now it is £20m.

The worry is that half of this hit relates to falling export margins, as the group has been forced to lower prices to maintain volumes in the face of the ployees. soaring pound.

However the concerns mask IMI's encouraging underlying performance. It managed to confound its critics yesterday with first-half figures well ahead £67.2m hefore and underlying profits, stocks. ignoring the currency hit, rose an en-

couraging 13 per cent. portfolio over the past few years, selling poor performers such as its titanium business and closing down its troubled alloys division. And a recent string of acquisitions are beginning to pay off, accounting for a third of the profit growth.

The best of the hunch is Heimeier, a German plumhing fittings maker. which has shrugged off the economic problems in its domestic market to produce good growth.

Tour & Andersson Hydronics, a Swedish beating parts manufacturer,

looks another decent huy. Its US businesses are also going well, thanks to a buoyant economy and a pleasing habit of being able to conun-

ue to pick up market share over there. As always, however, IMI is a mixed picture, its drinks dispenser business, for example, which sells dispensers to fast-food outless through the likes of Pepsi and Coca-Cola, is doing well in the US but faces stiff competition in the last-growing Far Eastern markets. And currency worries are still likely to haunt the share price.

There is a concern among analysts that IMI has not yet felt the full effect of a rising tide of cheap imports from the Continent.

Even so. Panmure Gordon is forecusting full-year profits of £147m,

ngineers and exporters have been about as popular among investors as a bull is in a china shop over the past few months. The interpretation of the past few months are popular among investors as a bull is in a china shop over the past few months. The interpretation of the past few months are popular among inspect to the past few months. The interpretation of the past few months are popular among inspect to the past few months are popular among inspect to the past few months. The interpretation of the past few months are popular among inspect to the past few months are popular among inspect to the past few months are popular among inspect to the past few months are popular among inspect to the past few months are popular among inspect to the past few months are popular among inspect to the past few months are popular among inspect to the past few months are popular among inspect to the past few months are popular among inspect to the past few months are past few months are

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CMG: At a glance

Market value. £94bn, share price 1477.5p (+42.5p)

Full year

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turnover is half the industry average.

And by requiring all staff to take chunky shareholdings in the company,

CMG keeps wage inflation at just 10 per cent, while discouraging job-hopping to chase the best salaries.

CMG's size and strong presence in both the Netherlands and UK also

means that can attract global clients.

It is also positioned in the fastest-grow-

ing IT markets - finance, telecoms and information processing represent 60 per cent of turnover - where customers

such as Deutsche Bank have deep

CMG thinks it can grow faster than

an already soaring market. It is certainly

justified in believing that demand for

IT services will continue, even when the

year 2000 and Euro crises, just a tenth

But it is hard to see how CMG can

sustain current growth rates. Part of the

33 per cent leap in half-year profits to

June was a result of a return to prof-

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putting the shares on a prospective p/e shortages are the only real restraint on growth. CMG's 11 per cent staff

IMI is slowly shrugging off its Mid-lands metal basher image and is now sitting on an unjustified 20 per cent discount to the market. Good value.

CMG's rating at a dizzying high

MG. the Anglo-Dutch computer services group, is spreading a little happiness, at least to its shareholders. For a start, around 30 per cent of the company is owned by its em-

Lucky them. Since it floated in Holland and the UK at 290p a share at the end of 1995, the price has soared. After yesterday's rise to 1,477.5p, the group's shares stand on a prospective of expectations, causing the shares to jump 18p to 358.5p. Operating profits before exceptionals rose to £70.4m from the stratospheric valuations of IT

Is this rating justified? Only partly. The company has an impressive record IMI has successfully restructured its of attracting and keeping staff, vital in an industry where chronic people

CMG Turnover Six months to June 1997

Five-year record

Pre-tax profits (£m)

Turnover (£m)

Dutch shareholders has driven the group's share price, any weakening of the pound may prompt profit down-grades in Holland.

Ross Jobber at UBS forecasts fullyear profits of £34.5m. On its current rating, CMG will be hit hard if it fails to match expectations. High enough.

Wimpey treated unfairly by City

 corge Wimpey has almost completely reinvented itself since swapping its contracting and quarrying interests for Tarmac's McLean Homes house-huilding oper-ations. Unfortunately, the City has remained studiously unimpressed and, despite a soaring stock market, the shares, down another 4p at 126p yesterday, are almost exactly where they were when the deal was announced at

the end of 1995. That seems unfair, as Jne Dwyer, the Wimpey chairman and chief executive, has delivered on nearly all his promises. Yesterday's interim results to June showed the UK's biggest house-builder swinging from a loss of £8.6m to prof-its of £12.5m in the six months to June. The half-way dividend, held at 2p, is covered for the first time for years, gross margins in both Wimpey Homes and McLean are at 20 per cent or above and both operations are on target to reach 6,000 house completions

by 1998 or 1999. Wimpey appears to have done well out of the Tarmac swap. However, the market retains fears that the group is having to spend lavishly to lengthen its land bank, particularly at McLean and in the south. The £144m spent on land this year leaves Wimpey Homes' land reserves at 3.1 years' sales and McLean's at a thinnish 25 years. But Wimpey does not appear to be overspending, with land costs at between 20 and 25 per cent of sales price, while long-term land banks remain strong.

Indeed, with the housing market in upswing at the moment, Wimpey should squeeze at least three more years' growth out of its basic business, while also moving into new areas such as luxury homes, refurbishment and

sheltered housing.
Full-year profits of £60.8m would put the shares on a forward rating of just 11. Too low, but likely to remain so while fund managers PDFM and Mercury Asset Management sit on around 50 per cent of the shares.

Portfolio plans put paid to a peaceful retirement

Jonathan Fry has set about preparing for his retirement as chief executive of Burmah Castrol next year with a passion, yesterday making £435,000 by selling shares in the oil company, at the same time adding the chairmanship of the Harrisons & Crosfield mini congolmerate to his growing portfolio of nonexecutive directorships.

Mr Fry sold shares acquired through the group's executive share option scheme. He also took on another directorship, while al-ready being chairman of Christian Salvesen, the logisities group, and deputy chairman of Northern Foods. Mr Fry admitted he will not have much time for his hobbies as most people when they retire. "I'd love to have more time for my roses," he said. But switching off

from business is proving difficult.

He has been with Burmah since 1978, when its shares were changing hands at just 33p, showing "how little credibility the company had with the market. Now they're worth £10.70." He bopes to turn his experience to good stead at Harrisons, which has some good components but has failed to convince the market of its overall worth, he says. Mr Fry actually started off as a ma

ment consultant with McKinsey in the 1966s, which was rather like "having a business school education at someone else's expense. He also thinks consultants did so well then hecause British management was pretty poor. There are now family connections with the City, as well as work; Mr Fry has a formidable

Square Mile - Lucy at the blue-blooded brokers Cazenove, and Camilla at Hoare Govett. Meanwhile, the ever-husy Mr Fry will have to continue to neglect his garden, and his favourite hobby, cricket. He is convinced that English cricket can recover from its present slump, and that Lord MacLaurin's reforms

will pay off: "If anyone can do it, Iain can."

quartet of daughters, two of whom work in the

The gigantic McGraw Hill publishing group which owns Standard & Poors and Business Week magazine among many other things, has just appointed John D Negroponte as an execu-tive vice president of its Global Markets division. Mr Negroponte has to have one of the most intriguing CVs I've seen for some time. His 37-year career with the US State Department included a stint in Saigon during the Vietnam war. He was a member of the delegation to the Paris Peace Talks on Vietnam in 1968-9. He has also advised a series of US presidents on security issues as well as being Ambassador to Honduras, Mexico and the Philippines.

He speaks French, Spanish, Greek and Victnamese, in case you were wondering. Harold McGraw III, the company's President, says: With John on our team, we can take advantage of a wealth of new opportunites. In particular, we are targeting Asia and Latin America as key markets." They'll never stand a chance.

Gerry Acher, bumptious head of audit at KPMG, is currently in China, readying himself

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Jonathan Fry: Little prospect for more time indulging a passion for roses

for the Peking-Paris Rally which starts on Sat-urday. Since the vintage car venture via the Himalayas is due to last about six weeks, the entire audit world is in limbo, insiders tell me. Our Gerry is driving a 1932 1.5 litre "Baby" Aston Martin, a tiny two-seater convertible. He has been warned by the organisers that his car only has a 20 per cent chance of completing the rally. Undaunted, Gerry has this week raised his target for the amount he intends to raise for charity, from £100,000 to a cool quarter of a million.

Nigel Challis, another KPMG inmate, is also taking part — in a somewhat sturdier 1955 Land-Rover, So even if Gerry's Baby blows up he'll be able to hitch a ride home.

Gerry is taking with him a satellite hand phone, keyboard and digital camera with which he will report his progress daily to the KPMG weh site, so that stunned bean counters will be able to follow his progress through the tundra back to civilisation.

A generational shift is going on at Peter Black Holdings, the fully listed £200m company which makes and markets bousehold goods such as healthcare, beauty and fashion products. Chairman Gordon Black says that Dick Leivers will be 60 in November 1998, when he will retire as chief executive and become a non-executive director, Stephen Lister, the current group finance director, will succeed Dick as chief executive. Neil Yewdall, who has been with the group for 13 years, will be the next group finance director. These early announcements will facilitate a smooth transition," Mr Black said.

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Thistle a 'lousy investment' say shareholders

Andrew Yates

Thistle Hotels, one of the UK's largest hotel groups, came under fire from angry shareholders and analysts yesterday when it announced disappointing profits for the six months to July, causing its share price to plunge 9p to 132p compared to last Octuber's flotation price of 170p. The poor figures prompted

analysts to predict that the strong growth the London hotel market has enjoyed over the Zealand-based investment past few years was beginning to One of Thistle's institution-

al shareholders said: "We are very disappointed with Thistle. It has been a lousy investment since it floated and we are not

Industry sources suggest Thistle may now be a bid target or that rivals could look to huy a large stake in the group. Brierley Investments, the New

group, and the Singapore government own about two-thirds of the company and are allowed to sell their shares any time from next month.

One leading analyst said yes-terday: "Thistle was overhyped at flotation. The share price fall makes it more likely that rivals will look at Thistle and there will be some corporate activity." Bruce Jones, analyst at the £55m for the six months to July

group's house broker, Merrill

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that the London hotel market will slow down by 1998 due to the cyclical economy and the strength of the pound. Occupancy rates are already showing signs of peaking."

He has downgraded Thistle's profit forecasts by £10m to £80m for the current year.

Lynch, said: "There is no doubt

Thistle announced a 9 per cent rise in operating profits to

but warned that operating prof-

its for the financial year would only be "slightly above that achieved in the first half". Robert Peel, Thistle's chief executive, said: "I am obvious-

ly disappointed for our shareholders. We did not do as well as hoped. However our strategy has not changed."

Mr Peel denied that administration costs were getting out of control after they jumped 18 per cent to £7.9m in the first

crease was due to one-off costs associated with the group's flotation last year and a £300,000 increase in directors' pay. Thistle also launched a £450,000 marketing campaign to attract customers from America after fears that the rising pound would hit custom.

However its initiatives were nol enough to stop revenue from Japanese and European customers falling sharply due to half. He said most of the in- sterling's strength.

Iceland offers home delivery from all stores

Nigel Cope City Correspondent

Iceland, the struggling frozen food retailer, yesterday announced the nationwide roll-out of its home delivery service in a move that will create 1,000 jobs. The service, which has been tested for a year, will be available in all Iceland's 770 out-ters by the end of this month, Malcolm Walker, chairman,

said home delivery would attract new shoppers, expand its demographic target market and increase the average spend in its shops: "We'll see no benefit from this for a year and it will be a long haul. But we are doing something unique. There are massive costs but it is getting massive take-up. The customers love it."

The comments came as Iceland announced an 18 per cent fall in pre-exceptional half-year profits to £24.5m. The company could not explain how its results came to appear in one national newspaper a day ahead of schedule. The Stock Exchange expressed some concern but said there had been no breach

of its rules. iceland's home delivery service is free to customers though they must hold the company's Privilege loyalty card and spend a minimum of £25. The drawback is that customers must visit the store to make their purchases and must live within a 10mile radius (or three miles within the M25). Deliveries are made during

normal trading hours within

Mr Walker said the service

two-hour time slots.

would be attractive to its core market which is the 60 per cent of British housewives who do not have access to a car from Monday to Friday. Half its stores do not have car parks. Iceland has spent £12m de-

veloping the system. It has bought 850 refrigerated vans and will employ an extra 1,000 staff. It is testing a telephone ordering system in one area using a call centre at its head office in Deeside in north Wales. Though Mr Walker claimed the launch was a unique system that was ahead of rivals, it was

BZW, said: "I don't think it will work. It is 100 expensive to run and too easily copied."

Somerfield is testing a similar home delivery system with telephone ordering. Others such as Tesco and Sainsbury's are well advanced with Internet ordering and call-and-collect systems, where customers order

criticised by analysts. David McCarthy, food retail analyst at

by phone or fax then visit the store to collect their shopping. Another analyst said: "They had to come up with a new idea but you still wonder where the growth is going to come from. I don't believe it will win new

shoppers to the chain." In the six months to 28 June Iccland improved its sales by 4.4 per cent to £711m. Like-for-like sales rose by 1.1 per cent during the period and are up by 2 per cent in current trading. The company said it expect-

ed home delivery to increase

sales by a level sufficient to cov-

er its costs. This would mean a

to 4 per cent.

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Sameena Ahmad Trafficmaster is in advanced discussions with BMW to fit all new Rover cars with its Oracle audio traffic information system, say industry sources. Insiders also reveal Cellnet as the

identity of the cellular telephone operator which in July signed a £15m, three-year deal with Trafficmaster to provide live traffic information through its mobile phone handsets. Speaking as Trafficmaster reported half-year losses more than halved and said it would break into profit this year af-ter signing three contracts since April worth £30m, Bill McIntosh, finance director said he

could not comment on the identity of partners, but hoped to announce "a couple" of new tie ups before the year-end. "Timing depends on our customers. But we are talking to all the major car makers," he said. A deal with Rover would be Trafficmaster's third with a

car manufacturer. Vauxball, which already fits Oracle in all its new Vectra cars, has agreed to a new two-year agreement worth £12.5m to buy 150,000 units a year. Vauxhall will also fit the Oracle system, which beams local traffic information through the car radio, as standard in its Omega model.

Mr McIntosh said the Vauxhall and cellular phone contracts alone should deliver 170,000 units in the second half of 1997. Analysts predict full-year profits of up to £700,000 compared with losses of £594,000 in the six months to June on sales more than doubled to £2.88m.

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Higher Education Funding after Dearing

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A special conference called by the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals to examine the Government's funding proposals, in the light of the Dearing Report and the short and long term funding challenge for higher education. It will consider the proposals' implication for access, equity, employment, growth, standards and quality and for policy development and research into higher education funding. A major conference for university and college policy makers, business leaders, student service organisations, professional bodies, academics, local education authority members and officers and graduate recruiters.

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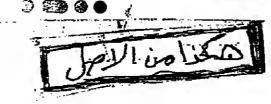
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Unlikely trio lead the pack as Footsie goes for a run

It may be a coincidence - or then it may not - but an unlikely collection of stock mar-ket takeover candidates eased themselves to new highs.
On the surface Alliance &

Leicester, the building society turned bank, Commercial Union, the old established insurance group, and Norwich Union, the insurer which arrived in June, have, apart from their fascination with money, little in common.

Yet in often brisk trading A&L rose 12.5p to 642.5p with the cow-inevitable speculation that bid activity is imminent prompting much of the

A&L is seen as obvious fodder for a clearing bank - Bar-clays? - or another ex-building society such as Halifax.

started in April, ended their first session at 566.5p. Former members who sold oo conversion got 533.7p a share.

And CU, for long the sub-ject of the City's rumour mill, rose 9.5p to 757.5p. An array of bidders, ranging from the German Allianz to a domestic operation such as General Accident, have for long been

linked with the group. Norwich was regarded as a bid target even before it came to market in June. It is due to go into Footsie later this month, an event which keeps the shares on their toes. The price rose 6p to 550.5p, a closing peak, with the nagging

story that Halifax, known to be

nursing ambitions about expanding into insurance, is preparing to go on the The unlikely threesome were not the only financial shares, which have lost some of their exuberance lately, to hit the high spots. Royal Sun & Alliance, the insurer, jumped 29.5p to 537.5p and General Accident 42.5p to 969p.



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The rest of the market eo-joyed another captivating run terest in Airbus and makes the with Footsie ending 82 points higher at 4,952.2. The gentle evaporation of Pacific fears and a robust New York display in early trading fuelled the gain. It was the biggest advance for BAe's share of the consortium

As if underlining that Far Eastern markets were riding out the storm, HSBC, by far the worst casualty of the Tiger turmoil, recovered 96p to 2,006p. Standard Chartered put on 30p to 862.5p. British Aerospace flew 50.5p higher to 1,510.5p. The aero

by its Airbus Industrie associ-

Body Shop International was the best-performing retail share with a combination of stories influencing the action; the shares rose 17p to 189.5p. group responded to an order for 65 arcraft, worth \$4bn, won

They were bumping along at a 150p low last month.
The company, which has

shares 19p to 132.5p and George Wimpey, the oation's biggest house-builder, lost 4p to 126p following interim re-

WH Smith, still seeking a chief executive, firmed 11p to 390.5p, best for two months. Hopes continue to circulate that during the present power vacuum a brave break-up bidder will appear. The market is divided about the merits of a break assault with many taking the view a sum-of-the-parts calculation does not support such a manoeuvre. Smith is oot expected to produce a new chief executive, replacing Bill Cockburn who is joining BT, until

Bluebird, the toys group,

building stakes in what it regards as undervalued compa-nies. It has alighted on obscure groups such as Gowrings, the Burger King and garage chain, and Young & Co's Brewery. Blnebird's last set of figures

showed interim profits down from £3.1m to £1.9m. The shares were 200p early this year and hit 386p around Christmas last year.

edged back into the takeover frame, gaining 5.5p to 309p. Bass, up 15p to 849p, remains the favourite to strike.

Cliveden, the hotel chain which has been the subject of

which has been the subject of takeover speculation, fell 3.5p to 60p, back to the low hit last

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Taking Stock

☐ Mears, a building services group, has completed the takeover of a Manchester maintenance contractor and next few weeks. It is still win-ning local council contracts, the latest being a £6m threeterim profits rose 33 per cent to £272,000 and the year's re-sults should nudge £700,000.

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ty good horse."
Compton Place, 14th of 15 in

the Nunthorpe Stakes at York

last time, will attempt to con-

firm July Cup form with Royal Applause as long as the ground at Haydock is good or faster. His trainer, James Poller, said

yesterday: "He seems very weil and I can only think that it was

a combination of the rain and

missing the break that caused

him to run badly at York."

Danetime favourite for Sprint

JOHN COBB

Racing reorganised yesterday to save the best races that would have been run in Saturday's programme, cancelled as a mark of respect for the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales. Despite suggestions that the races might be delayed until next week and relocated, both withe Haydock Park Sprint and Epsom's September Stakes will now take place at their original emies on Friday. A £10,000 handicap over the

Derby course, originally due to be run on Saturday at Epsom, has also been switched. Both racecourses will now

stage eight-race cards, unless there are divisions, with Channel 4 televising five races, four from Epsom plus the Group One Sprint from Haydock.

Haydock and the Levy Board have maintained the support of the Sprint Cup at £100,000, but at Epsom a sponsor has been lost "Grosvenor Casinos were due to sponsor the whole around 4,000.

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of the Saturday card," Andrew Cooper, the clerk of the course, said, "and could have backed the September Stakes, but the switch to Friday didn't meet with

their sponsorship objectives." Nevertheless, the value of the September Stakes will remain at £30,000. "We have now funded the race through a combination of ourselves, the Levy Board and BHB," Cooper said. The BHB had considered

switching the races to Doncaster or Goodwood a week later. However, its racing director, Paul Greeves, said: "Retaining the races on their original cours es had to be the best option. Trainers enter horses to run on a particular course. But the whole exercise is tinged with the sadness of having to do it in the

Haydock will be giving away a commemorative racecard and observing a minute's silence before the meeting starts. The course executive expects the attendance to be well down on a Saturday crowd of 10-15,000. Epsom anticipates a crowd of

Saturday's card at Fairyhouse will go ahead, while the greyhound meetings at Catford and Romford scheduled for Saturday morning have been post-poned until the afternoon. William Hill plan to open their

betting shops in the afternoon. That firm have opened betting on the Haydock Sprint, tak-ing the view that the Stewards' Cup winner, Danetime, can

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Won't Forget Me (Brighton 3.20) NB: Tadeo (York 3.40)

make the transition from handicapper to Group One winner in one step. They have priced him as the 11-4 favourite.

"Danetime is the most progressive sprinter in the country,' the firm's representative, David Hood, said. "Although he takes on some battle-hardened professionals in Coastal Bluff, Roval Applause and Averti, the ground will be ideal for him to take their scalps there."

Neville Callaghan, Danetime's trainer, certainly believes his colt has the right conditions to take a dramatic step np in class. "I think the ground will be on the soft side of good - I hear it has been raining at Hay-dock today – and anything oth-er than firm is OK," he said.

"The race is a day earlier, but if he wasn't ready to run on the Saturday he wouldn't be ready to run on the Friday. 1 am perfectly happy with him and he is entitled to take his chance." Royal Applause, William Hill's second choice at 7-2, is

also ready for what looks likely to prove the most competitive sprint of the season. The four-year-old's trainer, Barry Hills, said: "He did a bit of work for Michael [the trainer's son] this morning and he was very happy with him. He'o in good form and I am looking forward

Conversely, connections of the John Dunlop-trained Indi-an Rocket are hoping for rain-fall over the coming days. Royal Applause lost his unbeaten record for the season Haydock Park Sprint (Friday) William Hitt-11-4 Denetme, 7-2 Royel Applanta, 4-1 Countal Bluff, 8-3 Avent, 9-1 Compton Place, 10-1 Dezza, Indian Roblet, Moraetesb & Torrwhen second at odds of 11-10 in the July Cup on his latest start, finding 50-1 outsider Compton Hill too strong.



Folkestone racecourse received a complaint by telephone yesterday saying that Plastered In Paris, a runner in the median auction maiden stakes, should not have been al- enth.

lowed to run because of the tragic circumstances of the death of Diana, Princess of Wales at the weekend. The chestnut gelding finished sev-

Danetime: favourite for the Haydock Park Sprint which

will now be run on Friday

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3.00 SNOW WHITE NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £2,925 added 3YO 2m 1f

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4.50 GEORGE ROBEY HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,025 added (fillies) 1m 4f

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5.20 LADEROKE AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP (CLASS G) £2,875 added 1m 2f 481361 NIGHTY HO (29 (D) P Websyn 3 11 7

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4.00 JUNGLE BOOK SELLING HURDLE (CLASS G) £2,375 added 2m 6f

-9 decised -BETTING: 11-5 Statumes, 3-1 Kilosoms Bay, 4-1 Longerett, 9-2 Night Time

4.30 BOOKER CASH & CARRY HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) £4,950 3m 2f 110yds

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5.00 SLEEPING BEAUTY HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £2,925 added 2m 1f

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Searle out for a repeat showing

Rowing

Greg Searle could emerge as a resurrected hero of British row ing when he bids to put himself on course to win a World Championship sculling medal in Aiguebelette in eastern France

The Molesey rower, a first-season sculler, will go into the semi-final safe in the knowledge that he has already convincingly beaten the world No 3, Frederik Bekken, in his heat on Monday.

"It nearly went to my head that evening. I went to bed and was so excited that I couldn't sleep. However, I now have to concentrate again," said a de-lighted Searle, the Olympic coxed pairs champion in 1992.

Searle and his coach, Harry Mahon, are taking nothing for granted in their preparation for the semi-final, and Scarle said: "Both Harry and I know what has to be done. It is going to be really tough. Bekken is a class act, and class doesn't disappear overnight. I'm sure he

will be challenging again." Searle's best finish of the year has been sixth at Paris, in the second world cup event. He showed his ability with that race and proved it again when he won at Henley Regatta.

Yesterday, Britain's coxless pairs medal hopes Rob Thatcher and Ben Hunt-Davis put the disappointment of losing in the heats behind them when they comfortably won their repechage.

Thatcher and Hunt-Davis were ranked as world No 2 nt the end of the World Cup regattas but a slip-up in Monday's heat saw them forced into the repechage and, had they come third, they would have been out. However, they put together s solid row and eased past the rest of the field after the halfway point,

"We just hadn't had enough race practice going into Mon-day's heat," said Thatcher, "We hadn't raced for six weeks and we weren't race fit.

"I think the rep has done us good and now we are feeling good on the water, which can only help in the semi. We weren't at full tilt today and I think we can go at least eight seconds quicker."

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Football 7.30 unless stated

NATION/WIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE FRST DEVISION Notine Forest V Manuchester City (Z.45) Stoke v West Bromwich (Z.45) Wiolves v Port Vale (Z.45) THERD DIVISION

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP

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DR MARTENS LEASUE Premier Division:
Salsbury v Dorchester (7.45). Midland Division: Carby v Paget Rangers (7.45); Racring Cub Warwick v Sheesshed; Raunds v
Wisbeet; Solitual v Bialeenal, Southern Division: Denford v Baldook (7.45); Havant v
Bashley (7.45); Newport AFC v Yete (7.45).
MORTHERING COMPTEE EAST LASSE Pre-RIN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE Pro JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: DOWNTON V Whit-

Church,
JEWSON EASTERN LEAGUE Premier Di-vision: Feibstowe v Harwich (7.45); Stow-merket v Woodbridge (7.45).
PRESS & JOURNAL HIGHLAND LEAGUE: Hurdy v Fortes Mechanics.

WILJUNSON SWORD LEAGUE CUP Semi-final: Gentoran v Gianavon (at Windsor Park, Belfan). finnik Glentorán v Glénevon (et Windsor Park, Bedhel).

PONTINS LEAGUE Premier Division: Birminghan v Derby (7.15); Biacitoum v Liverpool (7.0); Leeds v Preson (7.0) et Halffel, Berton v Tranmere (7.0), First Division: Addistrough v Oldham (7.0); Notis County v Bolton (7.0), Second Division: Bernsley v Stockport (7.0); Shederlam v Burnley (7.0); Shewasbury v Rochdele (7.0); Shed v Greitler (7.0); Shed ud v Bradford (1); (7.0), Third Division: Newcastle v Dontastler (7.0), auch with president of the control of t

Rugby League

Speedway

ELITE LEAGUE: Coventry v Wolverhempton (7.30); King's Lynn v Peterborough (7.45). Other sports

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BLALLES: Of at the HER HOLE, IT— READYS MOVE, THE MENDE.

HEAVY ADVANTAGE: None.

Left-hand, U-shaped course. Flat and ideal for the powerful galloper

Course is 1m 5 of city on A1036. York station 1m. ADMISSEON: Course Stand £16

(16-25 year-olds £11); Temensalis £10; Silver Ring \$5 (OAPs £2.50); Course Enclosure

\$3 (OAPs £1.50). Under-16s free all enclosures. Concessions for parties of 20-plus. CAE 53 (vers 21 no). Denote the new and American Indian 109 remains gives a success ratio of 24.8%; M Stoute 27 from 137 (19.7%); J Goaden 19 from 102 (18.0%); J Duniop 18 from III LEADING JOCKEYS: L Dettori 48 wins from 215 rides gives a success ratio of 22.3%; Par. Eddery 87 from 222 (16.7%); J Rold 25 from 172 (14.6%); W E Swinburn 19 from 130 (14.6%).

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WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DATS: Needle Match (4.10) was at Cariole on Womenday.

LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Therhea (4.10) sex 277 miles by B R Milman from Ken-

thebeure, Devon; Brighstone (2,10) sem 271 miles by M Pipe from Nichobahayne, Devon; Elifand (2,40) sent 250 miles by Lady Remes from Augmering Park, West Susset; Phonetic (4.10) sem 226 miles by G Baking from Fyfield, Hampshire. 2.10 LEVY BOARD PETRUSHKA VOOKA CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS D) £7,000 added 1m 1f Penalty Value £5,436

Denomine - but his three-year-old season for Henry Coult was unproductive. He won a 10-during Buth old/her in June for Devid Seasonth, beating White Plains by two and a holf lengths at level weights, and has been tubed since Johang Martin Phys. He had his fast run aims the operation 23 days ago. and has been tuped since joining terrain rips. He had not set my super the operation As owns set, being a White relating was trained by Martin Pipe when second at Bath, but it now with Kerl Burles. This geiding should have no trouble winning a claimer in due course, but 196H PRESMUM has a good cherce at the weights with Rebert Wirston taking 'To off and merits amother chance after his strict to Alpha Hideaway in a one-mile Ripcin definer edigit days ago. He had the trief nine tangths behind when second of 14 to Yalla in a Sandown claimer (Lint in July and precoded that with a fourth of 12 to Vivo in a 0-105 handicap at the Carregit, Deseither Tisse, a starty usuall herandcapper on the day, reportedly theirhed terms at Donosator's year ago. He should figure in the finish if the market species.

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I've dioled those of us who had Tanglesen marked down as a horse-had needs Heydock and the must,
but the figure of a vector could be the lary for size? (RISOLL, who has had 40 days to freehen up since
his fourth to Rusk in the Brown Lack at Accort hudy, he bowled elong in the lead before being much
to look one-paced when headed, but the dig in the ground is giving to help thin this time and he was
conty just touched off under top weight in e Yesmouth handcap (14) on 2 July, being colleved by Compasser Pointer. Beelge Of Peans, only fourth to Tugernev at Sendown last mouth but, possibly in need
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3.40 10TH YEAR OF THE LAWRENCE BATLEY RATED HANDICAP (CLASS B) £25,000 added 6f Penalty Value £18,599

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TREPLE HAY was drawn in no marks land in the Stewards' Cup at Goodwood and can a fine stock in the electrostances, finishing platfil of 30 to Denestrys from box 15, He will be firether than most on what is only be third start almos winning a Windson conclaims event as game fauthon in early Juria. The third, Warning Time, won a 0-100 hundloop at Epocar five days letter. Thirds Hay san poorly in Returns Of Amelin's hundloop bean later that morth, but that was probably an oil day even if he was up against it group 25to to the winner, who gass only 50 this time. The question-mark against Triple Hay is the gaing five axis well on fast ground, but the evidence is not constictive. Wildwood Flower, a statishments of Thigh Hay, has a fine-ground action, but has won in the soft and will surely find a race andon, while Adams is from the virtual rest of Mag Thiaks tat is twell to assess. His security that for fourly to Abou Zouz at Concessor wes the first for his new stables and he was believe from previously. Efficiently goes seel tooch, while Jedfrey Amethement, who can well in Kempton and Newborn nameles, but a secure of the fact of the security of the contracting of it tow weight, Double Action and Double Spherakous an difficult to ignore along with Genet St Willto victor Tadeo.

Selection: TREPLE HAY

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10		SURZ TOROUGO (31) (3) (36) (John Patrick Barryl E Alaton 487
11		HESAR (20) Barly Lloyd Webbert C Brooks 488
12		TRADENS ACES (CC) OR P B Michaelecti M Ball 39 3
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BETTENO: 5-1 For Your Eyes Only, 7-1 Cachmore Ludy, 6-1 Thorbox, Polde Of Pendie, 18-1 Dissid, 13-1 Planette, Sunfact, Sent Torondo, Jed Rolgid, Needle Match, 14-1 others, 1900: Seventeurs Ludy 4 8 12 M Wigners 19-1 (300 Jorna) chann (14) 23 rps

Night Of Glass has usually run well this sesson and is at the right and of this handlesp. He has a 4b pull for the two and a half lengths by which Durald best him when they were second and third upon the board at Beverley in July, but that is offset by Cerl Lowbre's claim. Durald is a rough sort who cost 65,000gms as a yearing and he has a good chance on his bast form, but Theoretick is proving consistent and has the besting of Pride Of Pendle, Cambrasers Lady and Durald on course and determe form eight weeks ago. Theretes will like the way ground, can carry weight and has not well by Tony Whear in the peat. Newsite Match is up in grade but has a chance, while Fer Your Eyes Only has no feared with Robert Winston (sting so well. The No 22 draw looks problematical, but For Your Eyes Only was a good accord to Satio at Heaccastic (75) but time. Karfmins is no forten hope Market Of Classes have unusally num well this accessor and its at the right and of this handlesp. He has a Your Eyes Only was a good second to Saffo at New with the rider's allowance reducing her burden to 8 nce reducing her burden to Bet 310.

4.40 MAYFELD BITTER & LAGER MADEN STAKES (CLASS b) £8,000 added 3YO 1m 2f 85yds Pensity Value £8,004

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BETTERS: 5-4 Dullint, 3-1 Hidnight Winch, 9-2 Sebedille, 8-1 Shed Create, Moren, Teberite; Lighten Up, 25-1 Yam China 1986: Morent Roor 9 O W 9 Swinzum 4-1 (M Steam) drawn (2) 12 ran POSE BLUDE .
Shadown has not run for 67 days and made this cace to get a bandoup mark, but he made a de-

spendent ries not run for or ony, and hears this right early be good orrough. But MED-cent impression when third to Persad at Beth in June and might easily be good wrough. But MED-legelit WRITCH, who failed to impress in the padated at Porteinet are months ago, e worth emother chance. He was prominent to the furiong marker in that decent mainten won by Song Of Friedom and be to out of May Hot winner Midnight Air. Dediath, ploped by Sangir in a filest handless (LDS) at New-cestie rittle days ago, was also runner-up to Pelescon Sherp in the Geoffrey Barling Marden at New-markex (Tf) back in April.

5.10 KNIGHTSERIDGE GIN MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £8,000 added 2YO 7f Penalty Value £6,212

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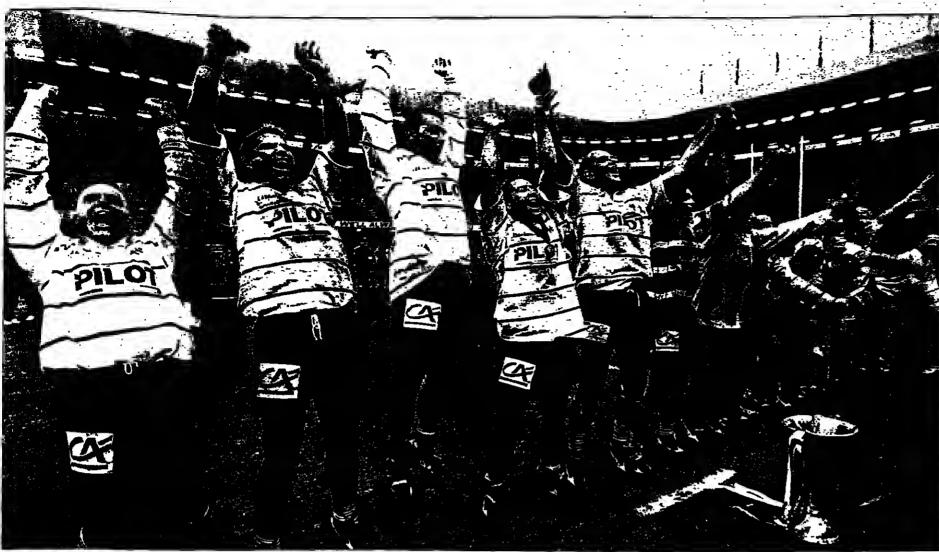
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Clubs ready for the thrills of Europe



France's Brive celebrate their convincing 21-8 success over Leicester in last year's Heineken Cup final at Cardiff Arms Park

Cast your mind back to the bleak midwinter and wallow awhile in the great, spine-tingling moments of the 1997 Five Nations' Championship. You will not need the day off work - a few seconds will suffice - for apart from the brass-oecked cheek of Arwel Thomas at Murrayfield, Lawrence Dallaglio's elepbant-lunged Twickenham try against the French, the subtle perfection of Christophe Lamaisoo's performance in the same match, Jeremy Guscott's part-time brilliance in Cardiff and the majesty of Olivier Magoe's

piece was anything but. Now compare and contrast the pure theatre generated by the Heineken Cup, which began as a half-cocked, Johnny-come-

Scots at the Parc des Princes,

last season's international show-

age, but somebow evolved into an absolute show-stopper, something to place alongside the Super 12 extravaganza south of the equator and, if you prefer bloodand-guts drama to try-laden souffié, even put it to shame. Club versus country? Only one winner, it seems.

The whole European shooting mutch begins again this Saturday - the Leinster-Toulouse opener in Dublin and the Treviso-Pau confrontation in Italy go ahead, while the matches in Britain and France have beeo delayed, most by 24 hours - and the upbeat mood of or-Grand Slam score against the ganisers and participants alike suggests a bigger, better, more

Arryone who saw last season's matches between Wasps and Cardiff, Pontypridd and Bath, Cardiff and Buth, Pau and Leicester, Leicester and lately affair without rhyme or Toulouse or, especially, any fixday oxygen of television cover- champions from Brive will raise Ourselves against Swansea? of justification. And there is The French have won both feoce-sitting you're dead right.

Chris Hewett previews this weekend's start to the Heineken Cup and expects a repeat performance of last year's dramas

for those games were epic en-counters that went right to rug-by's heart and soul. They will not, bowever, dismiss the grandiose claims out of hand. Quite why some inhabitants

of Twickenham, the 15-man code's equivalent of Planet Zob, should continue to talk about creating a stepping stone between League and Test rugby when, quite palpably, we already have one remains a mystery. As Dallaglio, captain of a Wasps side strongly if not exclusively focused oo making a better fist of their cross-border business this year, said yesterday: "Look at the programme and you will see the Irish provinces have only to matches that stand out in any

an eyebrow at that statement, Fixtures of that magnitude create the bridge between club

> was obviously missing." Not everything in the garden is rosy, even though a big-mon-ey five-year broadcasting deal has been signed with BSkyB and the sponsors are pumping £3.5m of their beer money into this year's competition, with a £115,000 sweetener for the finalists. Dallaglio himself raised the vexed issue of qualification. "I'm not knocking the competition, but is it right that we should have to play 22 tough League matches to get in while beat Connacht to secure a

rugby and Tests by providing the

step up in skill levels and inten-

sity that, before the Heineken,

considerable discootent at the organisers' refusal to play the semi-finals oo neutral territory. Those, bowever, are minor

quibbles. Roger Pickering, the tournament director, admitted that the board of European Rughy Cup Ltd was already considering a change in qualifica-tion regulations for the 1999-2000 campaign.

This season's tournament has itself been toughened by the introduction of a play-off system to decide three-of the eight quarter-finalists. The five pool winners will automatically go through, but matches between the runners-up and the best third-placed side will be played on the weekend of 1 November as a competitive means of raising a quorum. Given that pool performances will be used to seed teams reaching the knockout stage, complacency or laurel-resting will not be an option Photograph: ALLSPORT

competitions thus far, Toulouse triumphing in 1996 as a prehide to Brive's stunning smash-andgrab raid last season, and if the Tricolores cootribute another finalist this time around, the match will take place on mainland Europe. If no French side makes it all the way, Twickenham will host the final (great news for Welsh supporters if Cardiff and Swansea share top billing).

Predictably, the bookmak-

ers give the Scottish districts and Irish provinces something akin to a cat's hope in hell of reaching the suddeo death phase, all six sides carrying odds of 100-1 or longer. Bath go in as marginal favourites over Toulouse - a decent bet at 4-1 - but on current form, Leicester look the strongest of the English con-tenders with Pan the dark horses from across the Channel and Cardiff a major threat from the far side of the Severn

McGrath makes timely return to form League's peace meeting

reports from Headingley Yorkshire 369-5 v Worcestershire

This was a profitable day for Yorkshire, who began the match lying fourth in the Britannic Assurance table with a 17-point deficit that is by no means beyond their compass. Should they win with the current leaders, Kent, here could be the defining moment of the Championship,

Britannic Assurance County Championship

First day of four, 10.30 today unless stated

DERBY: Northemptonshire (4pts) are 88 rons behind Derbystalre (0) with nine first-landing wickets standing.

Total (60.5 overs) 19: Falt: 1-3, 2-13, 3-53, 4-121, 5-123, 8-147

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Durham v Warwickshire

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Total (for 5, 112 overs) 338
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Dowling: Brown 26-2-91-1; Betts 20-6-13-1; Walter 20-8-35-0; Boling 27-7-70-1; Fos-

DURHAM: J J & Laws, S Hutton, J E Mores, *D C Boon, †M P Speight, R M S Weston, M J Foster, M M Betts, J Boding, 5 J E Brown,

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Durham won toss

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It was a particularly good day for Anthony McGrath, the 21year-old batsman who toured with England A last winter but for whom the season has, until the last couple of weeks, been an anti-climax. Dropped by Yorkshire after a lean start, the tall right-hander's return to form is timely. Having made only his second half-ecotury of the summer in the washed-out Roses match last week, McGrath demonthis contest, next week's meeting strated his renewed well-being with an innings of considerable quality in conditions that were never entirely straightforward.

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P A Strang c Alleyne b Ball 2.) Philips c and b Ball D W Headley not out Extres (b1, Ib10, w2, nb18)

Total (99.5 evers) 305
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Bowling: Smith 20-7-46-3; Lawrence 15-2-50-0; Young 21-8-59-1; Alleyne 12-2-48-2; hancock 3-1-19-0; Bell 10.5-0-43-3; Devis 18-8-29-1.

OLD TRAFFORD: Essex (49ts) scored 389 in their first lealings against Lancashire (4). Today: 10.15.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE - First lankings
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Extras (nb2)

Lancashire v Essex

ESSEX - Pirst Innings
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S G Law c Ystee b Martin
R C Isam c Fairfrother b Yanes
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DR Law c Hegg b Keedy
R J Rollins not cut
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ottinghamshire v Hampshire

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TRENT BREDGE: Nottingherminire (2pts) have scored 252 for 6 in their first innings

Yorkshire captain, felt it reasonable to bat first, the pitch had no great pace and was green ugh to give the scamers some help. Indeed, had Worcestershire bowled with more consistency and fielded more efficiently-four dropped catches, three others missed and many runs carelessly conceded - the story could have been different.

McGrath was among the beneficiaries, surviving on 94 when Gavin Haynes put down a sharp, low caught-and-bowled and more unexpectedly on 109,

MOTTINGHUMESHIPE - Piret lonings
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R T Robinson c Aymes b Stephenson
G E Welton Ibw b Renshaw
"P Johnson Ibw b Stephenson
L N P Welter b Udel

To bet: K P Evens, M N Bower, A R Orem, Bowling: Renshaw 13-1-57-1; Miljum 24-6-81-0; Sandert 15-2-43-0; Udel 34-15-38-2; Stephenson 19-8-33-3.

HAMPSTORE J S Laney, M L Heyden, G W White, R A Smith, M Keech, "J P Stephen-son, JA N Aymes, S D Udal, L Sawdent, S J Renshaw, S M Mittur. Unopines: R Julian and A G T Whiteheed.

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Borse (98, 85, w2, nb4)

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Sowling: Fasser 15-6-34-0; Hewitz 13-1-63-2; Kalts 13-5-34-2; Johnson 13-2-44-1; Turnel 24-8-8-34-4; Rampreless 11-9-0.

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J H Kalls not out
M R Rampralesh b Caddick ...
M W Gating low b Caddick

Surrey v Glamorgan

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Faft 1-0, 2-9, 3-54
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Usuphress: 8 J Meyer and D R Shepherd.

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CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Although David Byas, the wheo Reuben Spiring frustratorkshire captain, felt it reaorable to bat first, the pitch had or great pace and was green were "lives" also for Michael

wheo Reuben Spiring frustrattwice in the 90s, dragging an inside edge perilously close to his
leg stump the ball after Haynes's
drop, he had the confidence to Vaughan and David Byas.

Otherwise, from McGrath there was much to admire. Opening in the absence of the injured Martyn Moxon, be dispatched firm drives with a pleasant timing on both sides of the wicket in an innings spanning almost five hours.

His century - a first for more than a year in the Championship -came off 211 balls with 16 fours and, although be was fortunate

GLAMORGAN - First Innings 8 P James Dw b Bicknell ----

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Tromas.

Bowfing: Bicknett 9-0-32-1; Benfamin 4-0-21-0; Sadam 11-4-36-1; B C Holloaks 2-0-12-0; A J Holloaks 1-0-5-0; Salabury 5-0-21-0.

es; G | Burgess and J F Steels.

Yorkshire v Worcestershire

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SECOND XI CHAMPIONESISP (First day of Burget Edginston: Notinghambina 299 for 9 dec (F W J Howel 56, P R Potent 75); Warwockster 10, for 1. Castifiation of Yosters 141 (f) Dean 7-60); Detyethe 251 for 4 (S D Subburge 55).

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Starting today

keep attacking and gathered another five boundaries before a ball from the left-arm spinner, Richard Illingworth, squeezed beneath his bat and rolled oo to the stumps.

Byas and Darren Lehmann supported McGrath with brisk balf-cepturies before Craig White emulated some of Mo-Grath's fluency with an unbeaten 74 as Yorkshire collected maximum batting points.

Counties' food for thought

Representatives of England's 18 first-class counties met at Lord's yesterday to discuss the blueprint for change to the domestic structure, unveiled by cricket. authorities last month.

Several amendments, or counter-proposals, to the blueprint drawn up by the ECB chairman, Lord MacLaurin, and chief executive, Tim Lamb, are still possible but nothing was decided yesterday.

A Lord's spokesman said delegates were returning to their dubs to report back on the debate, the first opportunity for counties to go through the blueprint together. A vote to accept or reject the blueprint is schedaled for 15 September and some changes to the document could still be made in the next formight. On the field, England's Phil Tufnell and Andy Caddick furthered their already strong claims for a place on England's winter tour to the Caribbean in front of

Graveney, at Taunton yesterday. The Middlesex spinner Tufnell took 4 for 53 as Somerset were bowled out for 241 in good batting conditions after winning the toss. Theo Somerset's Caddick removed Jason Pooley and Mark Ramprakash for ducks before adding Mike Gatting in an eight-over spell of 3 for 25 as fifth-placed Middlesex closed on 80 for 3.

the chairman of selectors, David

over the cracks, there might be expressed a desire to be in-

Rugby League DAVE HADFIELD

If rugby league had a pound for every time that its future has been said to have on a crucial meeting, it would not be in the plight that it is. There is another in that continuing series of piv-otal discussions aday, when a long-awaited gathering of the game's Consell convenes at Salford

On the agenda is a re-organisation of the board of directors that runs the sport. The shape of the board is a potential bankefield in the power struggle that has been going on between various factions of the game and the chief executive, Maurice Lindsay, will today attempt to pull every-one back under the same

ombrella. "The Super League clubs and clubs in the First and Second Divisions are entitled to some autonomy, because they have different needs." Lindsay said. "But we are too small to be able 10 afford splinter

Lindsay has denied issuing a "back me or sack me" ultima-tum to the clubs; he knows that, despite his efforts to paper too many tempted by the latter

He himself has been reluctant to deny rumours linking him with a return to Wigan, al-though this week he said; "I'm dug in to finish the job here at the League."

The League's chairman, Sir Rodney Walker, has not been so reticent. He is considering his position and several other members of the board have already announced that they are going. Lindsay wants to replace them, at least in part, by independent directors, from outside the game and based in London.

The meeting will have to decide on the long-delayed introduction of a salary cap for next season. Lindsay believes that a limit of 50 per cent of income that can be spent on players' wages will have widespread support. Indeed, as a measure to save clubs from their own rash impulses, it is already long overdue; whether there is the willingness to co-operate with it is another matter.

The meeting will also hear of an approach from Glasgow City Council to set up a Super League club there - a project with which the Australian club, the Hunter Mariners, have also

Liodsay will suggest that Scotland should be one of five areas in which new clubs should be planned. The others are Ireland, the South West, Wales and - despite Sir John Hall's public expression of lost interest the North-east.

The League needs to be careful. That sounds suspiciously like an expansion strategy - something that the game has avoided as meticulously as it bas shunned unity of late. Super League attendances in 1997 were the highest for eight years. The average crowd this year was 6,936 compared to 6.571 in the first season of summer rugby, an increase of 5.6 per cent. Although comparisons are difficult because of the varying number of clubs io the top flight over the years, the latest average gate is the second highest since one division was scrapped in 1973. The total number of supporters watching Super League this year was 915,645, an increase of 48,210. Bradford Bulls, the champions, have led the way, improving their crowds by 46 per cent to an average of 15,163, while Leeds registered a 28 per cent

Beil's Scottish League

Premier Division *

39 (TBA) Accrington v Spennymoor.

41 (TBA) Boston Utd v Radcliffe .

- (9 or 10 Sep) Queen's Park v Arbroath

Third Division

WEEKEND FIXTURES AND POOLS GUIDE 36 (Sun 7 Sep) Southport v Slough1. 36 (Sun 7 Sep) Stevenage v Morecambe...2 (Sun 7 Sep) Chasterfeld v Burnley2 Weekand postponements All fotures scheduled for Saturday 6 September in the following leagues have been postponed: Nadonwide Footbell League, Ball's Scottish League, GM Veudrail Conference, UniBond League and (not on coupons) Dr Manters League and lots League. 37 (Sun 7 Sep) Telford v Geresheed1 38 (Sun 7 Sep) Weiting v StalybridgeX

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(Toe-9 Sep) Port Vale v Stockport.....1 (Son 7 Sep) Swindon v Notim Forest ... 4 (Sura 7 Sep) West Brom v Reading1

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 Unitional League clubs have been given the option to play on Sunday - new dates will be confirmed today or someoner. Four drawer Birmingham City v Ipswich Town; Northampton Town v Luten Town; Roth-erham v Lincoln; Welling v Staylondge.

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Exit of Sampras opens the door for Rusedski

Tennis

JOHN ROBERTS reports from New York

Pete Sampras's elimination from the United States Open has created a window of opportunity the size of Macy's, and the temptation to stare in wonder and anticipation might prove the undoing of some of the contenders.

Richard Krajicek, due to meet Britain's Greg Rusedski in the quarter-finals today, admitted that his mind wandered on Monday night when it ought to have staved focused on his Spanish opponent. Felix Mantilla.

It was the reason why I was a little hit tight in the first couple of games," the former Wimbledon champion said. "I started thinking too much about what a great chance it was with the draw opening up instead of just concentrating on the match. That was very stupid and unprofessional of me."

The Dutchman snapped out of his reverie with the following thought: "I have to first beat this guy [Mantilla], then I have to play somebody who beat me four out of five times [Rusedskil before I can worry that I'm not going to play Sampras in the semi-finals."

Mantilla in straight sets and could be forgiven his early lapse, given the implications of Sampras result against Petr Korda, of the Czech Republic, who won, 6-7, 7-5, 7-6, 3-6, 7-6. The world No I was aiming

for his third consecutive US Open singles championship, his third Grand Slam singles title of the year, having won in Australia and at Wimhledon, and the 11th of his career.

Korda was simply determined to maximise a marvellous talent which has failed to realise its true poteotial because of inconsistent form and injuries. The 29-year-old left-hander is capable of hreathtaking shots and baffling errors, much to the consternation of his advisers.

The plus for spectators is that Korda's matches are frequently epie and rarely dull. He is given to celebrating spectacular shots with eccentric seissorkicks that would cause cartoon animators to think twice. Many a leap was justified by his performance against Sampras, who was unable to repeat his narrow escape against Korda in their five-setter in the fourth round at Wimhtedon

Sampras, although unable to capitalise on a 3-0 lead in the final set, gave Korda credit for the victory. "He's a great shot-

hackhands I've ever played against," the American said.
"He's got a great game when he's playing well. Petr can also go off the boil and play some poor tennis. Today he was very

solid and kept his composure."
Korda decided on a crucial part of his game plan, putting pressure on Sampras's backhand, after making a telephone call to Nottingham's Tony Pickard, his former coach. It was Pickard, Korda added,

who persuaded him to have surgery to cure a groin injury which had threatened his career. "It was in October 1995, Friday the 13th. I will remember that Korda's quarter-final oppo-

nent is Swedeo's Jonas Bjorkman, the winner to play Krajicek or Rusedski in the semi-finals on Saturday. Rusedski, as Krajicek men-tioned, has won four of their five previous matches, most recently at New Haven, Connecticut, en route to Flushing Meadow. To-

day will be their first meeting in

a Grand Slam ehampionship, over the best of five sets. Having advanced a round further here than his British ri-val Tim Henman did last year, Rusedski has the opportunity to follow the example of Henman's victory against Krajicek in the fourth round at Wimhledon.

"We match up well," Rusedski said. "We always play 7-6 or 7-5 in the third. For some reason, I always seem to pull out m froot. It's one or two points here or there that I manage to win. I don't know why. Sometimes you match up well with certain players and you manage to take that little edge.

"I think I've got a good opportunity to go further and to make it to the semi-finals. But I have to take it one match at n time. Just one day at a time really." Rusedski's marks his 24th hirthday on Saturday.

The gifted Chilean Marcelo Rios, the No 10 seed, became the first quarter-finalist in the lower half of the draw yesterday, defeating Sergi Bruguera, 7-5, 6-2, 6-4. "I think he's very complete," the seventh-seeded Bruguera said of Rios. "He re-turns very well. He serves well. He moves well. He's a good competitor. The Spanish former French

commit himself so far as to-tip Rios to take Sampras's crown. Sweden, whose best days at the US Open were enjoyed by Stefan Edberg and Mats Wilander, have two players in the last eight. Bjorkman is joined by Magnus Larsson, who defeated Smith Africa's Wayne Ferreira,

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Petr Korda celebrates a winning shot against Pete Sampras

Bidders deny use of bribes

Clympic Games

Stockholm and Cape Town have denied that they had tried to bribe International Olympic Committee members in their respective hids to win the right to stage the 2004 summer games. "We didn't try to bribe any-

one," the Stockholm media director, Finn Persson, said of reports the Swedes had offered to buy furniture for visiting

IOC members.
Thomas Bach, president of the evaluation commission which drew up a report on the original 11 bidding cities, said the executive board had sent letters to Stockholm and Cape Town re-

minding them of IOC rutes. The Cape Town Olympic bid media director, Ameen Akhal-waya, flatly denied offering to fly the 20 IOC African members' wives to Lausanne, where the host city will be elected on Friday. "We offered nobody nothing," he said. "I don't know how all this arose."

Persson said that when IOC members visited Stockholm they were takeo round the Ikca factory and told they could be helped with transporting any-thing they bought. "We didn't offer to pay for the transport. We simply said we would put them in touch with a transporter," he Photograph: AP said. "Somebody obviously mis-understood us and reported it."

Hendry leaves Scotland feeling giddy

ALAN NIXON

Colin Hendry will miss Scotland's World Cup qualifier against Belarus on Sanurday. The Blackburn Rovers centre-half saw a leading neurologist yesterday after a clash of heads at the weekend left

Hendry has heeded advice to rest for up to three weeks. He and not to train or play. The surwould have been a mandatory six-week hreak.

Hendry's club manager, Roy Hodgson, may find a replacement in the Norwegian centrebalf Tore Pedersen. The defender was expected yesterday to finalise a £750,000 move from the German side, St Pauli, after impressing Hodgson in a

Blackburn's England Uoder-21 defeoder, Marloo Broomes, bas signed a five-year cootract with the club while his teamThomas, has joined the former Premiership draw with Everton. Rovers manager, Ray Harford, on a mooth's loan at West Bromwich Alhion.

Meanwhile, the Rovers goalkeeper John Filan has been told he will be out notil the start of oext season after hreaking his right forearm in a collision with the Sheffield Wedoesday midfielder Wayne Collins last week. The Bolton defender Rohbie

Elliott also may oot play again this season after he suffered a

Peterhorough and Portsmouth have been called before the Foothall Association after the heavil that broke mut in their Coca-Cola Cup game last month. Players from both sides became involved in the confrootatioo towards the cud of

August. Both clubs have been charged with misconduct. The Plymouth chairman, Dao McCauley, has again

the 2-2 first-round, first-leg

draw at London Road oo 12

club is for sale. McCauley, who put Argyle oo the market for a short spell at the start of last season, is hoping to recoup somewhere near the £3m he has invested in the club.

Rangers are attempting to lure the West Ham defender Marc Rieper to Ibrox. The Scottish side, without long-term in-jury victims Alan McLaren and Lorenzo Amoruso, have made enquiries about the Danish international, who is out of contract at the end of the season. The Eogland midfielder also for one mooth.

Steve Stooe will be out of football for at least another month following a hernia operation. The 26-year-old Nottingham Forest player has just returned to first-team action following an 11 mooth lay-off because of a serious knee injury.

Wolves, who have four central defenders oo their longterm injury list, have signed Simon Coleman from Bolton on a mooth's loan while Southampton have taken the Birmingham winger Jasoo Bowen,

New calls for net cameras

Bolton Wanderers were denied a goal against Everton in Monday night's Premiership match. Television replays clearly show Gerry Taggart's header had crossed the line before

Terry Phelan kicked it away, but the goal was not given. David Elleray, the Premier League referees spokesman, and the Professional Footballers' Association feel the incident underlines the need for technology to be introduced to

Elleray does not want to see games interrupted repeatedly but he does feel the "magic eye" should be used in cases like this.

"I think decisions of fact, like balls crossing the line, is one area we should be looking at the possibility of using technology, particularly io incidents where referres and assistant referres

man to have something in the posts and crossbar, like in cricket with a camera in the stumps. to assist with that. Referees have been discussing it informally between themselves and there is a growing view that technology

could be useful " Brendan Batson, the deputy chief executive of the PFA, echoed Etteray's view and added: "It is unfair if a patentty good goal is disallowed because the referee does not December.

Fresh calls have been made to have a clear view of the inciinstall cameras in nets after deot. If the technology is there we should look at its use to aid the sport."

However, the Bolton manager, Cnlin Todd, whose side were denied victory in the first match at their new Reebok Stadium because of the decision, is lukewarm about the idea. He said he was wary about stopping and starting the game to consider decisions.

"If anything like this could help maybe it should be con-sidered," Tindd said. "But we have to be careful hecause we don't want games interrupted all the time. Really it's up to the lioesman and the referee and

The Football Association is against the proposal and its spokesman, Steve Double, said: "We're interested in techoology where it can aid referare unable to see clearly," he ces without replacing them and we're wary of this idea. It's "It is not beyond the wit of clear that Fifa are against it and it could lead to constant

ioterruptions to games." Fifa agreed yesterday that cannabis should be included on its list of banned substances. Football's world governing body also anoounced at a meeting in Cairo that it would carry out inspection visits to Bhutan and Palestine, who have applied for Fifa membership. An updated report on Gibraltar's request for membership will be received in

double fracture of his right mate, the striker James Clark under pressure

that Georgi Kinkladze's powers of recovery can spark a revival

in Manchester City's fortunes. The City manager speot close on £Sm during the summer in an effort to bring in the kind of quality that could take the club back to the Premiership. But Clark's side are struggling at the foot of the table, without a win in five League matches and with a

Omere three points in credit. Clark returns to the club he quit nine months ago when Forest were bottom of the table and on their way out of the Premiership. This time it will be quite different, however, with Forest sitting on top of the First

Division 10 points clear of City. Clark said: "Forest have done well and we haven't, hus the game is so important for us that

Calzaghe's

challenge to

Frank Clark, it's about Man-

chester City, and it is important

that we get a win. "Certaio individuals haven't heen playing well and we haven't played well as a team either, but I think that once we get that first win under Our belts that will provide us with the

impetus we need." At least Clark will he heartened by Kinkladze's recovery from the ankle injury sustained in last week's Coca-Cola Cup defeat by Blackpool, which kept him out of the weekend's match - also a loss - at Charlton. Clark added: "Georgi has a

very good chance of playing. He has undergone intensive treatment and has progressed well." The City manager has added Richard Edghill to the squad

Frank Clark returns to Not- the fact I am going back there that squandered a one-goal Stoke City will have to manage James Thomas, who was re- though, and McGhee is preparnot about lead at The Valley, and the for- without their inspirational cap- cently acquired from Black- ing to give a debut to 20-yearmer England Under-21 fullback is a strong caodidate to make his first appearance since rupturing cruciate knee ligaments at Leeds almost two years ago. Neil Heaney is also

included. Forest, meanwhile, will be without their in-form striker, the Dutchman Pierre Van Hooijdonk. The former Celtic forward, who scored a hat-trick in the weekend's 4-0 win over Queen's Park Rangers, is on international duty with the Netherlands, and the manager, Dave Bassett, is awaiting fitness reports on several key players

> before announcing his team. Kevin Campbell and the midfielders Thierry Bonalair and Geoff Thomas are all nursing

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Rice suffered the injury on a

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Steve Mariucci, the Niners' new coach, said: "No one playtain, Larus Sigurdsson, when they take on West Brouwich Alhion at home tonight as he has been called up for international duty by Iceland.

Chic Bates, Stoke's manager, is likely to recall Justin Whittle, who lost his place in central defence after the arrival of Steve Tweed, and the Portuguese striker, Jose Andrade, is a strong contender to hreak up the attacking partnership of Peter Thorne and Paul Stewart. West Brom's manager, Ray

Harford, has serious selection problems to contend with, because international call-ups have robbed him of the services of Paul Peschisolido and Kevin Kilbane.

Harford could give a debut to the on-toan teenage striker

Stoke lose their leader

Paul Mardon, the Welsh international defender, has joined the casualty list at the Hawthorns after suffering a groin strain at Ipswich.

Injury-hit Wolves have suffered another blow in the huildup to the home clash against Port Vale, because their Finnish striker, Mixu Paatelainen, has been called away for World Cup duty and misses the match at Molineux.

Mark McGhee, the Wolves manager, had hoped to delay the former Bolton player's de-parture. At least his defensive problems have been eased by the arrival on loan of Simon Coleman, a central defender, from Bolton. The Wolves defence is still heavily depleted, old Chris Westwood,

McGbee, whose side will be looking to record their second home wio of the season, knows Port Vale will provide a stern test for his promotion-chasing side. He said: "Port Vale annihilated Suoderland, and we have got to make sure they don't come out against us like that. If they do, we will have to be at our absolute best."

Jan Jansson could make a swift return to Port Vale's midfield after an impressive display for the reserves. The Swede could be brought in instead of Ian Bogie if, as expected, Vale employ their familiar 4-5-1 formation away from home. That would leave Tony Naylor and Lee Mills vying for the role of tone striker.

SPORTING DIGEST

Americans scrape into

team finals

A year after winning gold at the Olympic Games, the United States women's team were happy to edge past Belarus to reach the team finals at the world championships in Lausance. However, three Americans - the maximum figure - qualified for the all-round finals on Friday.

honours are Russia, powered by the all-around qualifying leader Svetlana Chorkina, China and by less than two points.

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The Sainsbury's Classic Cola international trumament, scheduled for Wernbley Arena and hosted by London Towers on Seturday and Sunday, has been rescheduled to Sunday and Monday. Tickets bought for Saturday's semi-finals will be veiled for Monday's finals. The draw is: Sunday: Maccabi Tiel Aviv (srael) v ADA Athens (Greece) 4.15; Red Star Belgrade (Nugolawe) v London Towers (6.15). Monday's play-offs are at 5.30 and 7.30.

ing a dope test at the earthful test, championships in June. Kappes, who won the points race at the champion-ships in Cottbus, was suspended from 4 August. The Association of German cyclists, BDR, did not specify the sub-

PARTOWNEE POOTBALL LEAGUE Photone change: Wed 24 Sept. Queen's Park Rangers y Portsmouth (from 6 Sept.).
BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE Photone change: Sue 21 Sept. Dunfermine y Nitramock (from 20 Sept.).

Golf

Bittern's Keitinyn Manshell finished three shots off the pace in the LPGA Rail Classic in Illinois after shooting a final-round 69 to finish on 203, shaning eigith place. The event was won by American Cindy Pigg-Currier on the first play-off hole after tying on 200 with Kns Tschetter and Lorie Kane. Helen Dobson finished one shot behind Manshall on 204 after firing a final-round 66, with Lisa Hackney one more shot turther back and Suzanne Strudwick on 209.

Olympic Games

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The executive board of the International Olympic Committee on Monday expelled

following political in-lighting which led to the NOC having two presidents. The IOC board took its decision following dis-cussions with Ecuador's IOC member and the Panamerican Sport Organiza-tion. The IOC asked Arroya and Vazquez Rana to help restore order to the Ecuador NOC Transport or control of the Country of the Country

PROFINES

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WOMER: Lightweight single sculls; (first three in each beat to semi-finish: Heat 1: 1 K Knejp (Swa) 7:705.62; 2 J Holi (Bi) 8:00.09; 3 K Schusser (Auf) 8:03.80; 4 M

Newcastle's British Lions wing, Tony Underwood, could require a knee operation that would keep him out of righy until mid-October. The England international twisted his left knee during the Falcons' Allied Dunbar Premiership wictory over Bath 10 days ago and initial hospital scans revealed possible cartilage damage.

MCQuitan (Aust 6-1 6-2. Seets in capitals SCOTTISH CHAMPIONISHIPS (Edinburgh) Phot round: M Mactagan (GE) bt L Arnold (Au) 6-4 7-5; J Perlant (Fr) bt N Gould (GE) 7-5 6-3; G Doyle (Aust) bt I Moddown (Rom) 6-2 6-2; L Jonsson (Swe) bt J Chauwn (Fr) 7-5 6-2; J Diaz (Sp) bt A Belobrajob: (Aust) 6-1 6-2; A Calatrawe (Sp) bt O Scale (No 6-3 6-4; A Gaudenzi (It) bt A Hunt (NZ) 6-4 6-1.

180

The number of places' difference overcome by the 23year-old Scot, Miles Madagan, vesterday to beat the Argentinian eighth seed, Lucas Amold, 6-4, 7-5 in the first round of the Scottish tennis

wary Collins A supremely confident Joe Calzaghe is determined to take Steve Collins' World Boxing Organisation super-middleweight crown, providing the Dubliner decides to defend his otle at the

Sheffield Arena on 11 October. The fight has yet to be offi-cially made as Collins is apparently still in negotiations with the promoter, Frank Warren, although he knows he will be stripped of his crown unless he faces Calzaghe, the No 1 chal-

However, the uodefeated Welshman and Warren both believe Cottins will mount a defence, otherwise, as Calzaghe said: "If he sidesteps me then he is going to be called a chicken."

Collins, who walked out of the first news conference to promote the fight two weeks ago in London, failed to arrive at yesterday's meeting at the arena as he cited "circumstances beyond my control". Instead he linked up via a telephone from his home in Duhlin.

Initially, Collins said he would not fight Calzaghe under any circumstances and felt the man with a record of 2t knockouts in bis 22 wins was unworthy as an opponent.

But Calzaghe said: "I am sure

Steve will defend the title with

dignity against the No 1 con-

tender in mc. He has heen a

good champion hut it's for him

to give up his crown now."

Jerry Rice, who holds all the

American football

major receiving records in NFL history, had knee surgery on Monday and is expected to miss the rest of the season. The San Francisco 49ers' physician, Michaet Dillingham,

performed the surgery to repair a torn anterior cruciate ligament and torn medial collateral ligament in Rice's left knee and estimated Rice will be sidelined four to six months.

The 34-year-old Rice had not missed a game due to injury in the first t2 years of his NFL

career with the Niners. He

England's Mary Price came from behind to capture the singles gold medal at the Atlantic Rim Championships in Llandrindod Wells yesterday as she

beat Mary de Lisle, of the United States, 25-15. Ireland's Margaret Johnston, who had led going into the final round of matches, had to settle

for silver after being pipped 25-24 by the defeoding champion, South Africa's Jo Peacock. Price later admitted she was more at home in team disci-

plines and said: "I enjoyed the

week but I'm not really a great

singles fan. I think my game is

Johnston could not hide her

more suited to team games."

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Price leaves it late

Rice 'out for season'

disappointment, saying: "I was trying not to watch what was happening on Mary's rink and con-centrating on my own game." Wales' Betty Morgan took the bronze, edging out Peacock on shots differential after she beat Namibia's Jean Joubert 25-22. Wales took silver behind South Africa in the fours wheo Kathy Pearce, Sarah Mansbridge, Nina Shipperlee and Rita Jones beat

Namibia 29-9 to beat Scotland on shots aggregate. The Scots rink of Kath Houston, Susan Kelly, Janice Maxwell and Sarah Gourlay had to settle for hronze after beating Israel 24-13. Wales captured the overall team title, finishing on

50 points ahead of England on

Sunday, wheo the Tampa Bay defensive end, Warren Sapp, dragged him to the ground by his facemask, huckling his teft Either Terrell Oweos or

> Romania. The three countries were senarated in the standings With many hig names having opted out of amateur competition after the 1996 Olympics and

American football NFL: Green Bay 38 Chicago 24.

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opted out of amateur competition after the 1996 Olympics and some others sidelined with injuries, new names emerged at the top of the qualifying standings.

Chorkina, world and Olympic uneven bar champion, led in three of the four apparatus competitions. Competing in the last round, she tied for the tead in the vault with Simona Amanar of Romania, nudged China out of a clean sweep in the uneven bars and took the lead in the beam. Gina Gogean, Olympic hronze medal winner in the vault add the beam, led the floor exercises with one of the floor exercises with one of the floor exercises with one of the highest scores of the night.

The Ukraine lost two of their best gymnasts: Lilia Podkopayava, who withdrew on Monday with an Achilles injury, and Viktoria Karpenko, who hroke two fingers recently in practice.

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Football

TODAY'S NUMBER

Championships in Edinburgh.



at being dropped by England

Drink ban costs Rio England chance

GLENN MOORE

Rio Ferdinand yesterday learned that playing football like a grown-up is not enough. To earn the honour of representing England you have to behave

Last Friday the teenager was being celebrated as football's new "bright young thing". Billed as the heir to Bobby Moore's gilded legend at both club and country, he was called up for England's World Cup tie with Moldova next Wednesday bare-ty six months after making his first start for West Ham. At 18

years and 10 months, Ferdinand had a real chance of becoming the youngest England international since Duncan Edwards. Then he was arrested and

charged with drinking and driving. Yesterday, as news of his arrest and subsequent conviction broke, he was told he will no longer be considered for next week's match, not even as a substitute.

Gienn Hoddle, the England coach, made the decision to exclude Ferdinand without need of prompting by the Football Association. In the wake of the revelations about the state of the driver involved in the death of

sised yesterday that Hoddle would have acted the same

Ferdinand, who pleaded guilty and was banned from driving for a year, was still allowed to join the England party last night and will train with them. Some will wonder wby Fer-dinard is rejected while, last season, Paul Gascoigne was selected despite allegations that he had beaten his wife. The crucial difference would appear to be that Ferdinand has been charged and convicted while

Gascoigne was not, neither the

police oor his wife having made

Since Gascoigne admitted his behaviour, this argument may seem disingenuous but the inconsistency reflects Hoddle's interest in the pastoral side of his joh. Many feel Gascoigne is beyond redemption but Hoddle believes the way to bring the best from him, both as a man and a footballer, is through counselling and support from within the England framework. Ferdinand would appear less in need of help and the hope is that by this salutary lesson he

in the squad - will see what they are risking.
That was his cluh's view. Peter Storrie, the West Ham

- and the other young players

chief executive, said: "The play-er deeply regrets his actions. He has made a mistake and paid a high price. The club hopes he will learn by this and will concentrate his efforts on the exciting career ahead of him."

It was not entirely clear yesterday what type of mistake Ferdinand made after celebrating his England call-up on Sat-urday night. Initial reports said be was caught driving home but his mother. Janice, said he had taken a taxi that night. She said be was stopped on Sunday hav-ing not appreciated how long alcohol stayed in the blood. She also told the Press Association this occurred in the afternoon,

which would require a formidahie amount of alcohol to have been consumed the previous night. Earlier, clearly upset, she was quoted by West Ham's Clubcall suggesting he was stopped in the morning having left a garage without turning his

been early in the day since it is light by 7am. Either way Ferdinand is not regarded as a heavy drinker and judgement than an illustration of a self-destructive lifestyle. That is one reason why Hoddle has given him the encourage-ment of allowing him to remain

with the squad; another is that

lights back on - which must have

able to caution him privately about his behaviour.

"He is absolutely devastated." his mother added. "He is real. ly distraught and so very sorry. We are all so sad. Rio has had such a solid head on his shoulders. He has been very strong and positive about keeping away from temptation. He doe, a man's job out there on a Sat urday and he will fight back from this."

In less than a week Ferdinand has reached for the stars and stared at the abyss. It is now his choice as to which path he follows. Yesterday, Hoddle pointed him in the direction.

Martin denied his Ryder Cup chance

ANDY FARRELL

Just when Europe's preparation for the Ryder Cup could not get any worse, the Ryder Cup Committee has taken the unprecedented and undignified step of dumping Miguel Angel Martin, entirely against his will, from the team for the match against the Americans in three weeks' time.

Jose Maria Olazabal, who finished 11th on the qualifying table, now becomes an automatic selection. While captain Seve Ballesteros will finally name his two wild cards in Switzerland on Thursday, Tom Kite, his opposite number, has been happily in possession of his American lineup for over two weeks.

Martin, who had an operation on his injured wrist on 5 August and only had the plaster removed last week, refused to attend a fitness test at Valderrama today, fearing it would damage his recovery.

"Miguel has not played com-petitive golf since 18 July and had been requested to demonstrate that there was a reasonable likelihood that he would be fit and compentive for the Ryder Cup matches," said a statement of

der Cup committee that he did not think it was necessary or convenient in his recuperation to play 18 holes at Valderrama, which would have provided this opportunity. Following close consultation between the Ryder Cup Committee and Seve Ballesteros, Miguel has been in-

formed that he will be replaced." Ken Schofield, the executive director of the PGA European Tour, announced on Sunday that Martin would have to undergo a fitness test at a course in Madrid, But vesterday morning, by fax, Martin was informed he was required to play 18 holes at Valderrama, venue for the match on 26-28 September. An English sports medicine doctor and representatives of the Ryder Cup Committee and the Spanish Federation

would be present. "I answered the committee that I am not going to be there," Martin said. "I can't play 18 holes properly at this time." Martin's physiotherapists did not want him to go, either. "They say, 'no, no, no, if you go there we will stop doing things

that are very important'.
They are doing things every day for my wrist and my recovery would be harmed by hitting Mitchell Platts, the European shots now. That's what I want Tour's director of communica- to avoid. I want to get fit - for tions. "Miguel informed the Ry- the Ryder Cup, if possible, but

if not for that then for the next tournament, or for next year or forever. I don't want to do any

There seems little hope that Martin, who suffered the injury at Loch Lomond and last played at the Open, can be match-fit in time for Valderrama, but he wanted to be given as much time as possible. "I don't want to withdraw," he said. "This is my sport and I am going to be there if I can."

It is possible that Martin may start legal proceedings to regain his place. The 35-year-old Spaniard was never out of the automatic spots over the 12 months of qualifying and he won the Heineken Classic in Perth in February. Despite making only one cut since the end of May, no one knocked him out of the top 10.

Controversy over the selection of European Ryder Cup teams is nothing new. The system and number of wild cards has been a talking point not just this year, but for other recent matches. But clearly, Ballesteros will go to Valderrama to defend the cup with a stronger hand with Olazabal stepping into the team and the captain free to se-lect Nick Faldo and Jesper Parnevik, or someone else who has demonstrated good form in the last few weeks.



Gloucestershire's Mike Smith appeals in vain for Ibw against Kent's Alan Wells at Canterbury yesterday

self at the other end. Matthew

rery much.

Teny Blood

Technico

Wells gives Kent runs to play with

FA 'keen' to stage charity match

main "very keen" on honouring the memory of Diana, Princess of Wales, by staging a charity match to raise funds for the Bosnian victims of landmines.

The Princess was obviously very keen on the landmines issue and we were having talks with charity organisations before she died," a spokeswoman said, "No details were finalised, but we are still very keen to pursue the idea of staging the game

Scotland will play their World Cup qualifying match against Be-

The Football Association re- larus at Pittodrie on Saturday at 3pm as originally planned, despite the fact that it will clash with the funeral of Princess Diana.

"This has not been an easy decision for the international committee to reach, the Scottish FA chief executive Jim Farry said, "but there are insurmountable logistical difficulties. "We are extremely conscious of the mood of the nation and trust people will try to understand our position and how difficult it has been to arrive at this decision."

Players from both sides will

serve a minute's silence. Glasgow have been frustrated

in their attempts to play their rugby union Heineken European Cup game against Ulster on Fri-day night. The tournament or-ganisers, ERC Ltd, have refused a request by both clubs for dispensation to stage the match on schedule with a two-minute silence before kick-off. The match will be played on Monday. Rearranged weekend football

and rugby union fixtures,

DAVID LLEWELLYN

reports from Canterbury Kent 305 Gloucestershire 12-0

There was an unfocused look to events at the St Lawrence Ground yesterday. If there was an edge to this top-of-the-table match, then it was hlurred. Third-placed Gloucestershire clawed back one point, hut Kent are unlikely to be too bothered. The wicket has bounce and turn and Kent have Paul

Strang in their line-up. The Zimbabwe leg-spinner already has more than 50 Championship wickets to his name and in the one over he had at Gloucestershire's openthreat, finding the edge of Dominic Hewson's bat and drawing anguished cries from his team-mates as the ball scuttled to the boundary instead of to a

pair of eager Kent hands. Dean Headley also looked menacing and exploited the bounce from the off, rattling Hewson's rib cage with a hrute of a delivery. Things are likely to become harder rather than easier, so Kent will probably be con-

tent with their first-innings score. If they did not exactly scratch around for runs, nor did they fill their boots. Maybe it was the early start, maybe there was an autumnal feel to the atmos-phere, but the Championship leaders were in trouble not long after the start, losing their openers David Fulton and Ed

When Trevor Ward also departed not long afterwards, it needed the experience of Alan Wells to see them out of immediate trouble. At times Wells, the former Sussex captain, was majestic. No matter what Gloucestershire tried (and he faced six of the seven bowlers they employed during the day),

Wells was the equal of it. The manner in which he took some of his 17 boundaries quite took the breath away. Gloucestershire's captain Mark Alleyene was driven imperiously through the covers on a number of occasions and once or twice cut hard to the boundary.

Not even the former England fast bowler David Lawrence was spared. Wells has been the man in form for Kent, having

to whip across a straight ball

from Steve Watkin and was low.

Such lapses in concentration are not unusual at this time of

year and Graham Thorpe, after a flurry of boundaries, was equal-

ly guilty, edging an ambitious cover drive off Darren Thomas.

With three prime wickets vir-

tually gifted Glamorgan's way,

Croft was left to slowly exert

pressure from the Pavilion End. With the ball occasionally turn-

ing sharply, Surrey's middle or-der simply did not have the technical wherewithal to keep

him out without taking risks, and

both Hollioake brothers were

out sweeping across the line.

Adam Hollioake, who in al

probability will lead England's

one-day side to Sharjah this De-

cember, had begun aggressively striking his fifth ball (from Croft)

for a mighty six over long-off.

That dominance was short-

lived, however, and only Alistair

Brown played with the necessary

determination. Positive but not

over-ambitious. Brown struck

the ball with his gong-like clar-

ity until a rare moment of in-

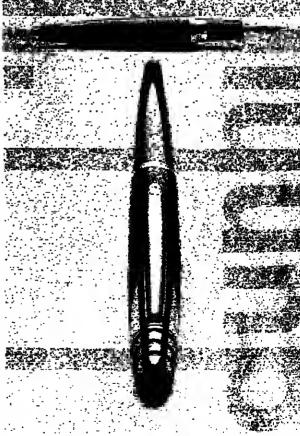
decision against the first ball of

ALFRED DUNHILL LONDON

Championship than his team-

mates. His dismissal came as a

Walker, restored to the side total surprise, caught down the courtesy of a back injury tn leg side off his chief source of Graham Cowdrey, played his runs, Alleyne. part in a 117-run fourth-wick-By then he had shown the et stand with Wells and the tail way, though. Matthew Fleming dragged Kent to a third bonus roared into the forties, while point. Now it is the turn Mark Ealham anchored himtheir bowlers.



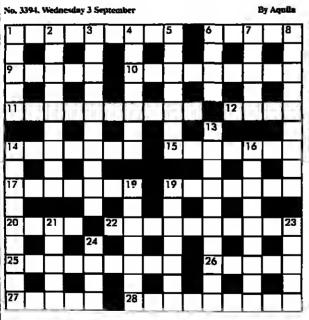
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for six over mid-wicket. Passes away a day in

Maynard's aggression puts Glamorgan on top

when the pressure is on he tends to overdo the gung-ho bit,

and in the past some of his downfalls have been every bit as

guide with which to judge coun-

ty cricket teams at this time of the year. Before this game, Surrey,

some 20 points adrift of their op-

ponents here, had beaten four of

their last five opponents, while

Glamorgan, the Championship's

It was a record that did not

co-leaders, had won just once.

bode well for the visitors, espe-

cially after Adam Hollioake won

the toss on a dry pitch that pro-

vided plenty of early turn for those prepared to work their fingers.

That said, spin did not play its part until substantial inroads had

already been made, and Waqar's

return to his old stamping

ground came to almost instant

fruition when in his third over

he removed his old captain

Alec Stewart, caught behind by

spectacular as his succes Form can be a misleading

If there is a criticism, it is that 20 in untroubled fashion, he tried

DEREK PRINGLE

reports from The Oval Surrey 204 Glarnorgan 133-2

An unbeaten half-century by Glamorgan's captain, Matthew Maynard, from just 51 balls has put his team in with a chance of taking a telling first-innings advantage over Surrey after the home side were bowled out by tea for 204. With both sides wearing black arm-bands following the tragic events in Paris, Glamorgan's glee was somewhat lost in the sombre atmosphere of a near-empty Oval.

Maynard, who came to the wicket after Hugh Morris was caught behind off Saqlain Mushtag, played with both authority and freedom, unencumbered by the dislocated thumb that trouhled him against Leicestershire.

When he is in the mood, Maynard has a power and range of stroke few in the land can match. Yesterday few escaped his wrath and, having pulled and glanced Ben Hollioake for a brace of fours, he savagely clumped Saglain high and wide

the keeper, Adrian Shaw. With this winter's touring side

to be decided within the next week, Mark Butcher could have done with a hig score to help cement his name in the selectors' minds. Instead, having reached

Watkin's third spell, giving Shaw the third of his five catches. OPutstanced by Newspaper Publishing PLC. 1 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5DL, and printed at Mirror Colour Print, St Back issues available from Historic Newspapers, 01988 940370.